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OUR JOURNEY THIS YEAR

A STORIES OF ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND REGIONAL INCLUSION

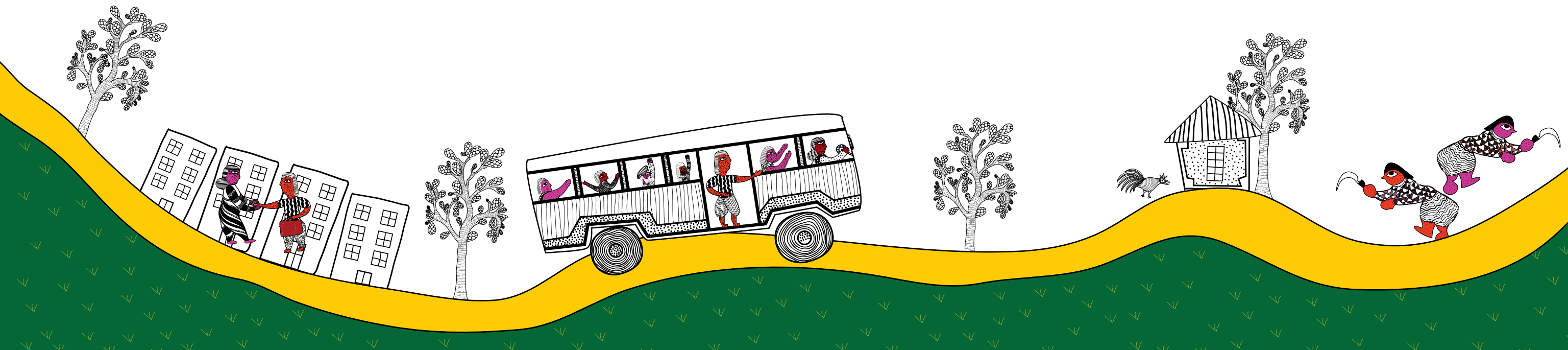
1. We mobilized financial and human resources for enhancing livelihood opportunities in remote rural areas.
2. We strengthened community platforms for inclusion through education centres in the Northeast.
3. We promoted the leadership of 12 grassroots leaders through the C. Subramaniam Awards.
4. We promoted youth leadership on citizenship and development.
5. We developed a culturally inclusive platform by bringing the Northeast to Delhi.

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6. We enabled civil society capacities for leadership in participatory urban governance.
7. We incubated a feminist policy collective to work on gender budgets.
8. We mapped civil society work on budget advocacy and social accountability.
9. We built a civil society cohort to work on nutrition in 5 states of India.
10. We promoted dialogue on health among grassroots organisations and elected leaders.
11. We supported state governments to engage with SDG Agenda 2030.

C PHILANTHROPY

12. We initiated donor dialogue on Social Justice Philanthropy.





TWELVE EXCITING THINGS!

Set up in 1992 by a group of eminent citizens from the worlds of government, business, development, media and the arts, the National Foundation for India (NFI) was registered as a Trust, and remains an autonomous organisation governed by a diverse Board of Trustees.

NFI's distinct nature comes from being completely independent of corporate, religious or political control.

Today NFI is an independent grant-making and fundraising foundation with a core mandate to strengthen civil society, especially those initiatives that work on difficult issues in difficult terrains, with the most marginalized communities.

Our mission statement is **"to promote social justice by strengthening civil society and shaping philanthropy, on governance and inclusion."**

In terms of its strategic approaches, NFI enables capacities through financial and technical support, promotes leadership, facilitates platforms for dialogue and mobilizes resources for social justice. To achieve its mission NFI focuses on three broad areas: **Inclusion, Governance, and Philanthropy.**

Our focus on **Inclusion** brings together work in all forms of social, economic and regional inclusion. We promote a special focus on those marginalized on the grounds of gender, sexuality, class, caste, religion, location, ability, and age. We encourage building capacities and using mobilizing and empowerment approaches that enhance leadership and participation in accessing rights.

Our work so far includes a livelihood security programme in the tribal areas of Orissa and Chhattisgarh as well as remote areas in Assam and slums of Delhi, work with youth and entrepreneurship, promoting the visibility of the North-east states, supporting community engagement in children's education towards fostering dialogue, leadership awards for community activists and youth working for peace, and support to platforms that promote citizen dialogue on difficult issues.

Our focus on **Governance** includes various forms of civic engagement in governance, across sectors such as health, nutrition, urban services, and entitlements.

This would include, for example, civil society organisations (CSOs) engaging in budget advocacy work, addressing elected representatives at all levels, working with various line departments, and promoting transparency. This would also include CSOs mobilizing communities to enhance accountability: making local plans, monitoring their entitlements, and engaging with local elected bodies as equal stakeholders.

We have also been engaging with youth groups and state Planning Departments to promote alignment with the SDGs 2030, and we have been promoting media engagement on development concerns.

NFI has partnered with several Indian and international donor agencies in the past year and stays a professionally managed and financially accountable foundation. In the financial year 2018-19, we disbursed grants of 12.85 crores. In the last year, NFI has supported 59 CSOs and worked in 18 states and union territories. Additionally, NFI has supported 25 individual leadership awards for community-based activists and journalists, and collaborations with academic and government planning and training institutions.

Read on to know about our 12 most exciting achievements in the year 2018-2019!

Jashodhara Dasgupta
Executive Director

STORIES OF ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND REGIONAL INCLUSION

WE MOBILIZED FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES FOR ENHANCING LIVELIHOOD OPPORTUNITIES IN REMOTE RURAL AREAS

The Livelihood Security portfolio at NFI has been very successful this year in leveraging financial and human resources for enhancing livelihoods among marginal and smallholder farmers, especially women and youth, in 3 states of India. NFI concentrates on economic inclusion to improve livelihoods through allied intervention in agriculture, skill building and employability. We partner with NGOs and provide them with grants and technical support that focus on improving the livelihoods of marginal farmers, women, and youth through community mobilization, livelihood planning, and diversified livelihood interventions. In total, NFI supported 14 partners in Odisha, Assam, Chhattisgarh and Delhi who improved livelihoods and impacted around 100 entrepreneurs who in turn created employment opportunities for local youth.

NFI aims to support and strengthen capacities of partners towards leveraging resources for sustainability and scalability. In the year 2018-2019, Rs 18 million was leveraged from government and other agencies for the cohort of civil society partners. We encourage partners to get connected with various government programmes as well as donors for financial support. NFI promoted partners' coordination with Panchayats in activities like pond deepening, land levelling, setting solar irrigation system, horticulture plantation, resulting in almost Rs 43 lakhs in income opportunities for the community. NFI assisted partners in building relationships with resource agencies like KVK, ATMA, and public universities; this helped train farmers through skills workshops on agriculture.

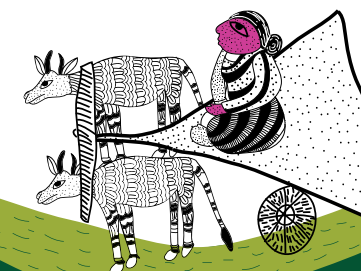
Livelihood interventions with small and marginal farmers created opportunities for all 8 partners to establish models and attracted other donors in the process. This year, our partners were able to leverage funds from government programs and donors like Bharat Rural Livelihood Fund and Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

Last year, we introduced many new concepts to our partners like model farmers, women leaders, and community training centres, towards nurturing leadership qualities within the community. One of our most significant contributions proved to be the concept of Community Resource Persons (CRPs), which once introduced to our partners was implemented in localities. Individuals with potential (mainly women) from diverse communities were identified and then coached to lead appropriate interventions across issues concerning agriculture, livestock farming, financial inclusion, and entitlements. They were also trained in management and governance skills. They quickly became competent enough to share new agricultural practices with other farmers and combine their community's demands and their training to negotiate with important agencies like the government. The District Collectors felicitated 3 of the women CRPs as "Progressive Farmers" during Independence Day celebrations in their localities. Our efforts also rewarded us with the example of Kaushila Devi who took her CRP role a step further and converted part of her house into a Resource Centre. Her innovation and initiative proved the value of our support.

For women from 26 villages in the Balipara block, MASK (Mahila Shakti Kendra) has become a magical space for working towards positive change. The involved women have set free their collective aspirations and have begun to transform their lives by improving their livelihood options.

The leader of a local SHG federation, Eliza Bodo gained popularity amongst villagers and government officials when she worked hard to release land that had been mortgaged to money lenders. Motivated by district officials, the federation registered MASK as an NGO. Her journey, both at personal and professional levels, was inspiring and Eliza's leadership was recognized through NFI's C. Subramaniam Awards program. Since 2013, despite Eliza's hesitation which stemmed from her lack of skill in writing proposals, NFI became the first donor to support her work. With this grant, the MASK team began their work on livelihood supported by regular funding and training. Their coverage has grown from 100 families in 2014 to 3,000 families today.

Eliza's entrepreneurship and ability to work on a diverse portfolio of livelihood security has earned her the recognition of an "Exemplary Grassroots Woman Leader" which she was awarded by the Vice President of India in 2018. Given NFI's long-standing support, MASK has also been able to access support from PHF, HDFC Foundation through Balipara Foundation, CASA, and SRLM.



WE STRENGTHENED COMMUNITY PLATFORMS FOR INCLUSION THROUGH EDUCATION CENTRES IN THE NORTHEAST

Marginalized communities who live in remote villages, rough terrains, and along border and conflict zones have experienced gaps in the availability and quality of education for their children. Educational initiatives that fulfil a common need can provide an entry point with the potential for becoming a platform: for interactions amongst different ethnic communities in remote areas, and for constructive engagement amongst hostile and marginalized communities.

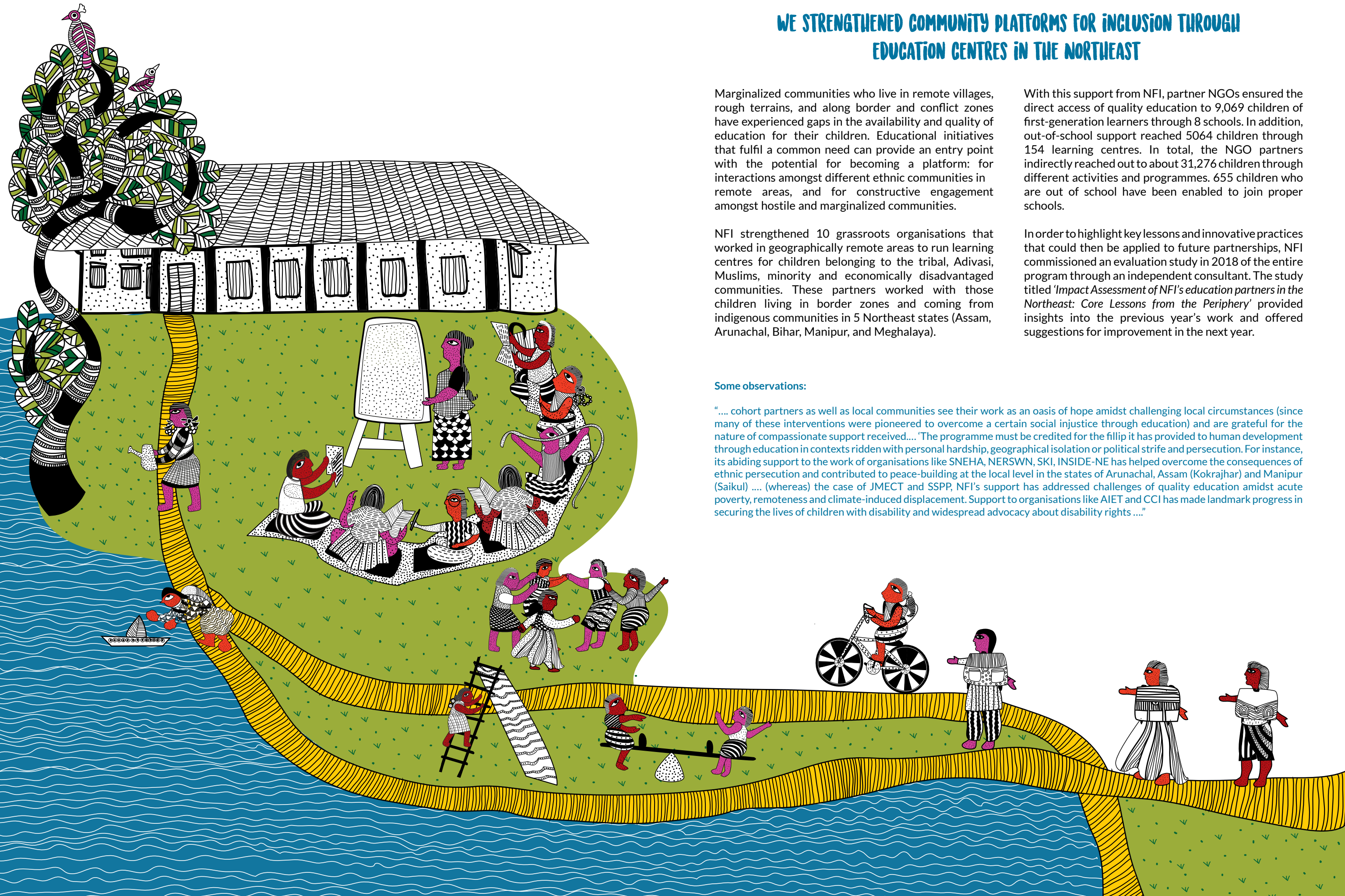
NFI strengthened 10 grassroots organisations that worked in geographically remote areas to run learning centres for children belonging to the tribal, Adivasi, Muslims, minority and economically disadvantaged communities. These partners worked with those children living in border zones and coming from indigenous communities in 5 Northeast states (Assam, Arunachal, Bihar, Manipur, and Meghalaya).

With this support from NFI, partner NGOs ensured the direct access of quality education to 9,069 children of first-generation learners through 8 schools. In addition, out-of-school support reached 5064 children through 154 learning centres. In total, the NGO partners indirectly reached out to about 31,276 children through different activities and programmes. 655 children who are out of school have been enabled to join proper schools.

In order to highlight key lessons and innovative practices that could then be applied to future partnerships, NFI commissioned an evaluation study in 2018 of the entire program through an independent consultant. The study titled *'Impact Assessment of NFI's education partners in the Northeast: Core Lessons from the Periphery'* provided insights into the previous year's work and offered suggestions for improvement in the next year.

Some observations:

"... cohort partners as well as local communities see their work as an oasis of hope amidst challenging local circumstances (since many of these interventions were pioneered to overcome a certain social injustice through education) and are grateful for the nature of compassionate support received... 'The programme must be credited for the fillip it has provided to human development through education in contexts ridden with personal hardship, geographical isolation or political strife and persecution. For instance, its abiding support to the work of organisations like SNEHA, NERSWN, SKI, INSIDE-NE has helped overcome the consequences of ethnic persecution and contributed to peace-building at the local level in the states of Arunachal, Assam (Kokrajhar) and Manipur (Saikul) ... (whereas) the case of JMECT and SSPP, NFI's support has addressed challenges of quality education amidst acute poverty, remoteness and climate-induced displacement. Support to organisations like AIET and CCI has made landmark progress in securing the lives of children with disability and widespread advocacy about disability rights ..."



WE PROMOTED THE LEADERSHIP OF TWELVE GRASSROOTS LEADERS THROUGH THE C. SUBRAMANIAM AWARDS

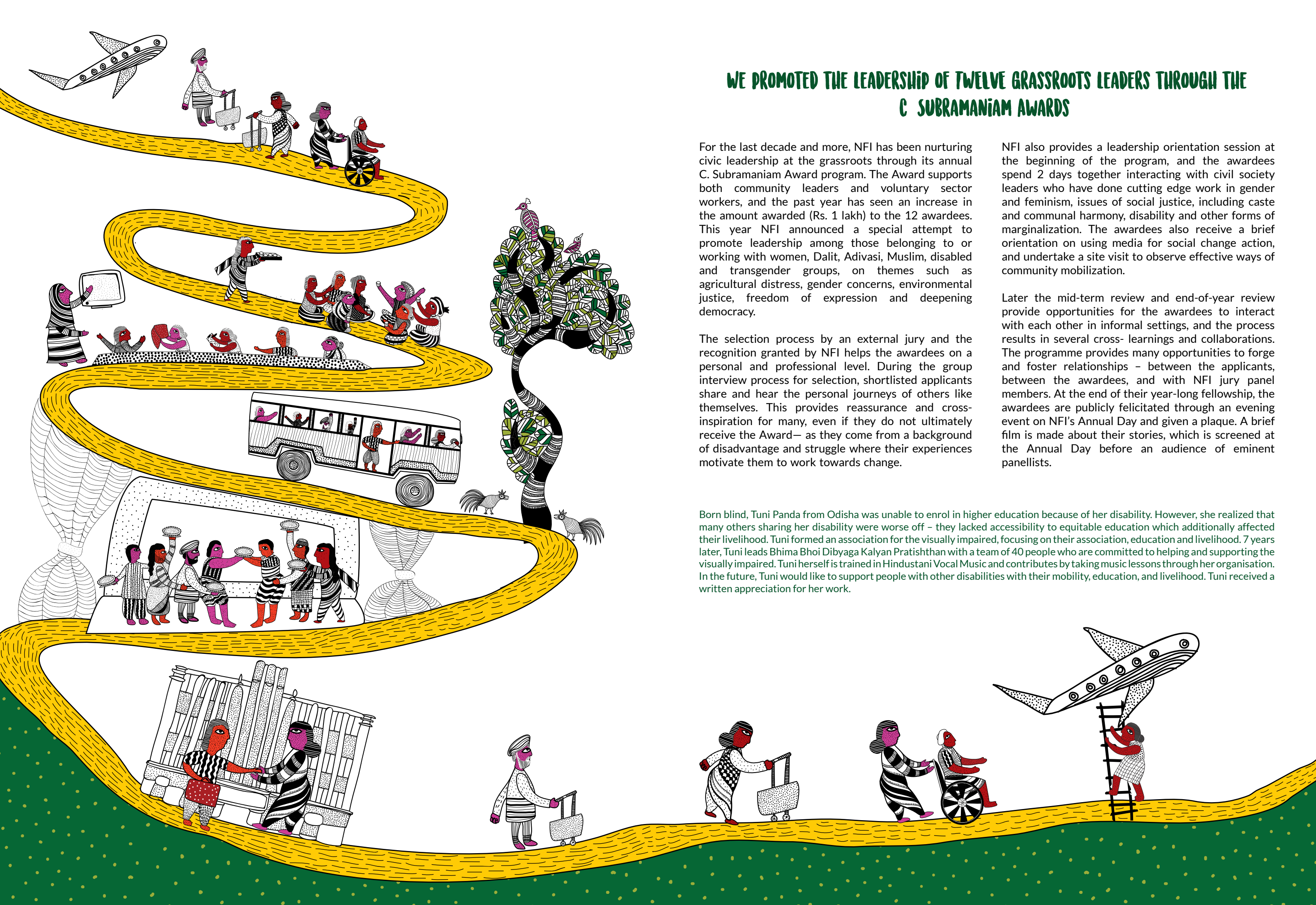
For the last decade and more, NFI has been nurturing civic leadership at the grassroots through its annual C. Subramaniam Award program. The Award supports both community leaders and voluntary sector workers, and the past year has seen an increase in the amount awarded (Rs. 1 lakh) to the 12 awardees. This year NFI announced a special attempt to promote leadership among those belonging to or working with women, Dalit, Adivasi, Muslim, disabled and transgender groups, on themes such as agricultural distress, gender concerns, environmental justice, freedom of expression and deepening democracy.

The selection process by an external jury and the recognition granted by NFI helps the awardees on a personal and professional level. During the group interview process for selection, shortlisted applicants share and hear the personal journeys of others like themselves. This provides reassurance and cross-inspiration for many, even if they do not ultimately receive the Award— as they come from a background of disadvantage and struggle where their experiences motivate them to work towards change.

NFI also provides a leadership orientation session at the beginning of the program, and the awardees spend 2 days together interacting with civil society leaders who have done cutting edge work in gender and feminism, issues of social justice, including caste and communal harmony, disability and other forms of marginalization. The awardees also receive a brief orientation on using media for social change action, and undertake a site visit to observe effective ways of community mobilization.

Later the mid-term review and end-of-year review provide opportunities for the awardees to interact with each other in informal settings, and the process results in several cross- learnings and collaborations. The programme provides many opportunities to forge and foster relationships - between the applicants, between the awardees, and with NFI jury panel members. At the end of their year-long fellowship, the awardees are publicly felicitated through an evening event on NFI's Annual Day and given a plaque. A brief film is made about their stories, which is screened at the Annual Day before an audience of eminent panellists.

Born blind, Tuni Panda from Odisha was unable to enrol in higher education because of her disability. However, she realized that many others sharing her disability were worse off - they lacked accessibility to equitable education which additionally affected their livelihood. Tuni formed an association for the visually impaired, focusing on their association, education and livelihood. 7 years later, Tuni leads Bhima Bhoi Dibyaga Kalyan Pratishthan with a team of 40 people who are committed to helping and supporting the visually impaired. Tuni herself is trained in Hindustani Vocal Music and contributes by taking music lessons through her organisation. In the future, Tuni would like to support people with other disabilities with their mobility, education, and livelihood. Tuni received a written appreciation for her work.



WE PROMOTED YOUTH LEADERSHIP ON CITIZENSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT

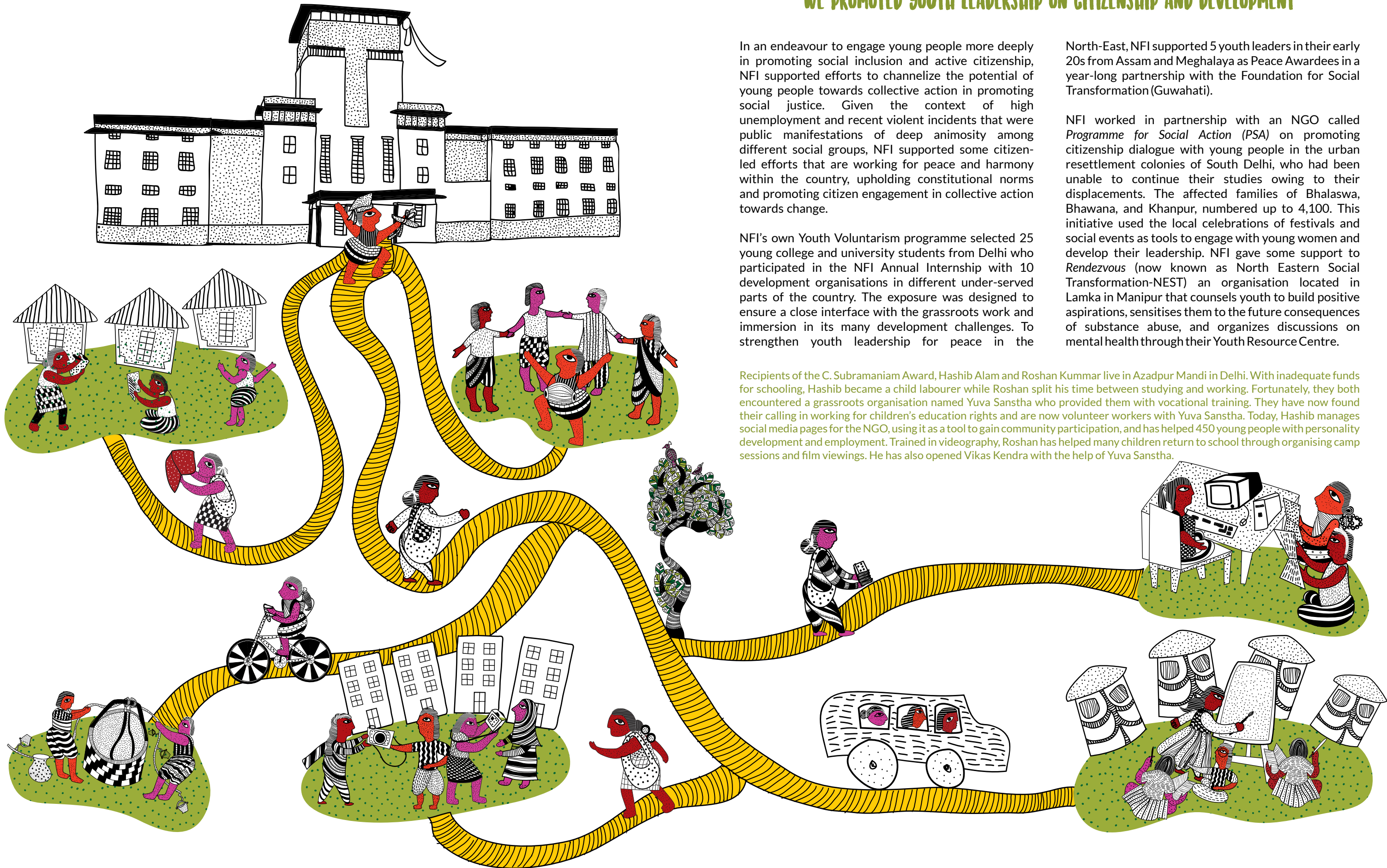
In an endeavour to engage young people more deeply in promoting social inclusion and active citizenship, NFI supported efforts to channelize the potential of young people towards collective action in promoting social justice. Given the context of high unemployment and recent violent incidents that were public manifestations of deep animosity among different social groups, NFI supported some citizen-led efforts that are working for peace and harmony within the country, upholding constitutional norms and promoting citizen engagement in collective action towards change.

NFI's own Youth Voluntarism programme selected 25 young college and university students from Delhi who participated in the NFI Annual Internship with 10 development organisations in different under-served parts of the country. The exposure was designed to ensure a close interface with the grassroots work and immersion in its many development challenges. To strengthen youth leadership for peace in the

North-East, NFI supported 5 youth leaders in their early 20s from Assam and Meghalaya as Peace Awardees in a year-long partnership with the Foundation for Social Transformation (Guwahati).

NFI worked in partnership with an NGO called *Programme for Social Action (PSA)* on promoting citizenship dialogue with young people in the urban resettlement colonies of South Delhi, who had been unable to continue their studies owing to their displacements. The affected families of Bhalaswa, Bhawana, and Khanpur, numbered up to 4,100. This initiative used the local celebrations of festivals and social events as tools to engage with young women and develop their leadership. NFI gave some support to *Rendezvous* (now known as North Eastern Social Transformation-NEST) an organisation located in Lamka in Manipur that counsels youth to build positive aspirations, sensitises them to the future consequences of substance abuse, and organizes discussions on mental health through their Youth Resource Centre.

Recipients of the C. Subramaniam Award, Hashib Alam and Roshan Kumar live in Azadpur Mandi in Delhi. With inadequate funds for schooling, Hashib became a child labourer while Roshan split his time between studying and working. Fortunately, they both encountered a grassroots organisation named Yuva Sanstha who provided them with vocational training. They have now found their calling in working for children's education rights and are now volunteer workers with Yuva Sanstha. Today, Hashib manages social media pages for the NGO, using it as a tool to gain community participation, and has helped 450 young people with personality development and employment. Trained in videography, Roshan has helped many children return to school through organising camp sessions and film viewings. He has also opened Vikas Kendra with the help of Yuva Sanstha.



WE DEVELOPED A CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE PLATFORM BY BRINGING THE NORTHEAST TO DELHI

In 2015, the Northeast Desk was set up within NFI to give visibility to our efforts in creating a space for social, intellectual, and cultural action towards integrating the Northeast region into mainland India while respecting local identities. Towards presenting the Northeast region from a more contemporary perspective, this year NFI collaborated with India International Centre for the third edition of a fringe festival to curate an intellectual space among thinkers, artists and writers in Delhi.

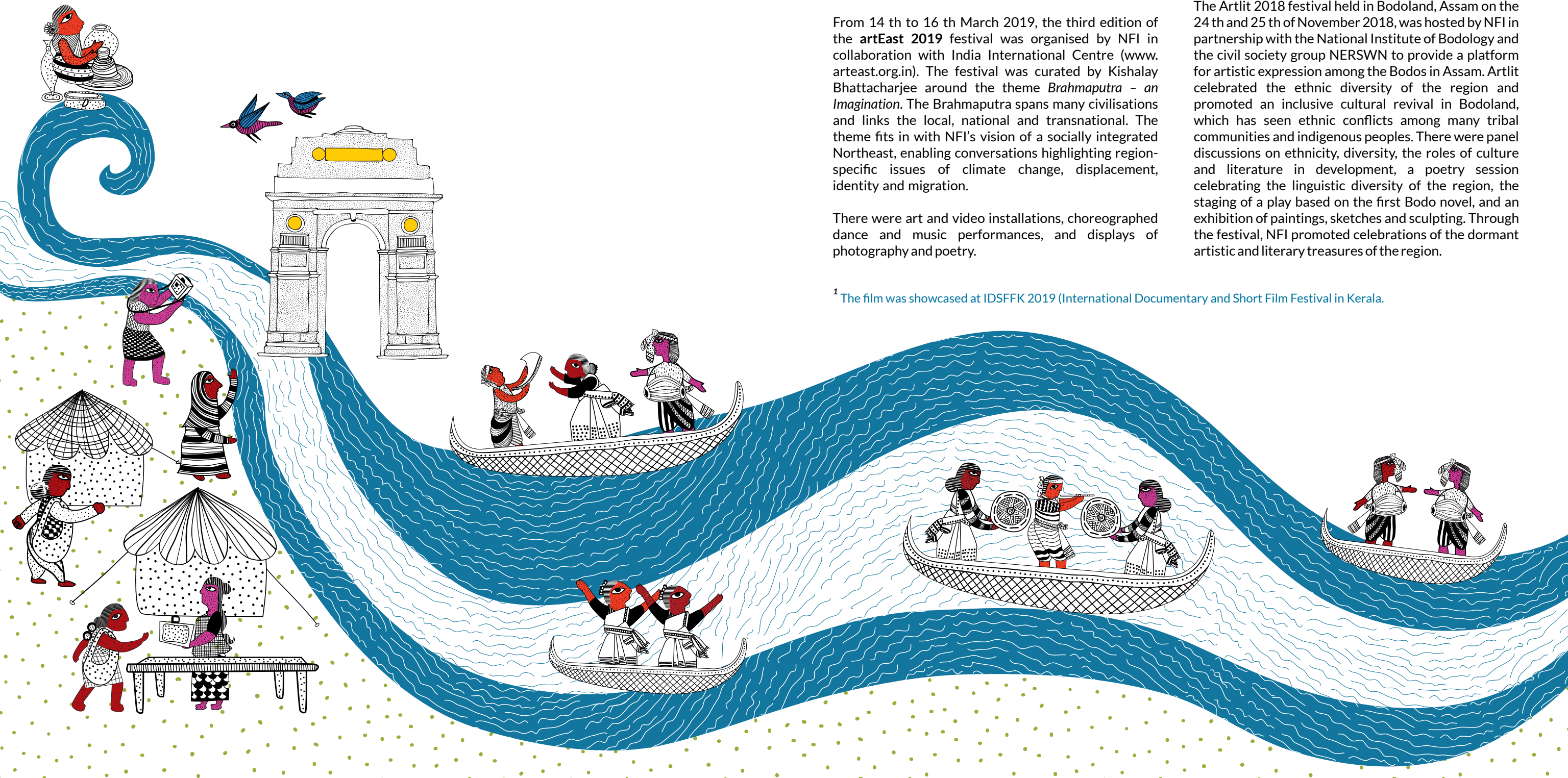
From 14th to 16th March 2019, the third edition of the **artEast 2019** festival was organised by NFI in collaboration with India International Centre (www.arteast.org.in). The festival was curated by Kishalay Bhattacharjee around the theme *Brahmaputra - an Imagination*. The Brahmaputra spans many civilisations and links the local, national and transnational. The theme fits in with NFI's vision of a socially integrated Northeast, enabling conversations highlighting region-specific issues of climate change, displacement, identity and migration.

There were art and video installations, choreographed dance and music performances, and displays of photography and poetry.

NFI partly produced the film *Nadir kul Nai, Kinar Nai* which talked about the wrath of the river Brahmaputra, life for the minority community in riverine 'chars' and the struggle of being branded as an illegal 'foreigner' in your society¹. The use of different artistic genres portrayed the need for different voices in the conversations generated by artEast. NFI has been documenting the festivals through a journal called artEast.

The Artlit 2018 festival held in Bodoland, Assam on the 24th and 25th of November 2018, was hosted by NFI in partnership with the National Institute of Bodology and the civil society group NERSWN to provide a platform for artistic expression among the Bodos in Assam. Artlit celebrated the ethnic diversity of the region and promoted an inclusive cultural revival in Bodoland, which has seen ethnic conflicts among many tribal communities and indigenous peoples. There were panel discussions on ethnicity, diversity, the roles of culture and literature in development, a poetry session celebrating the linguistic diversity of the region, the staging of a play based on the first Bodo novel, and an exhibition of paintings, sketches and sculpting. Through the festival, NFI promoted celebrations of the dormant artistic and literary treasures of the region.

¹ The film was showcased at IDSFFK 2019 (International Documentary and Short Film Festival in Kerala).



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WE ENABLED CIVIL SOCIETY CAPACITIES FOR LEADERSHIP IN PARTICIPATORY URBAN GOVERNANCE

NFI has been working to promote community engagement in water and sanitation management for the urban poor in 51 Municipal Wards of 3 cities: Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Giridih (Jharkhand) and Bilaspur (Chhattisgarh).

To build capacities among elected representatives, government officials and civil society partners, NFI conducted more than 50 workshops and exposure visits on the topics of water, waste management, sanitation and urban governance. NFI supported civil society partners to create local community models as promising practices, including urban governance mechanisms and community level water, waste, and sanitation solutions.

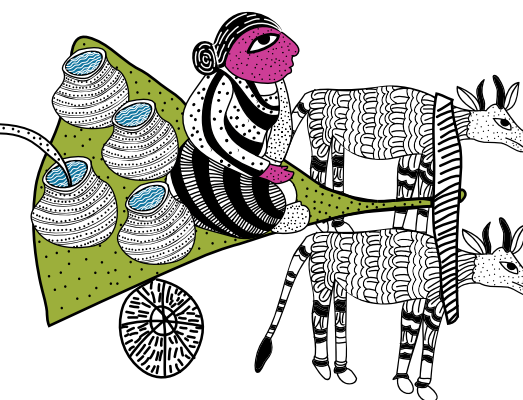
The interventions reached out to 16,309 women and 8,834 urban poor households, including 9,180 children and 6,860 youth. The involved communities formed more than 24 local committees for the operation and maintenance of infrastructure towards improved civic conditions in their own neighbourhood. A study commissioned by the APPI in September 2018 noted more than 55 local innovative technological solutions for water, waste, and sanitation issues.

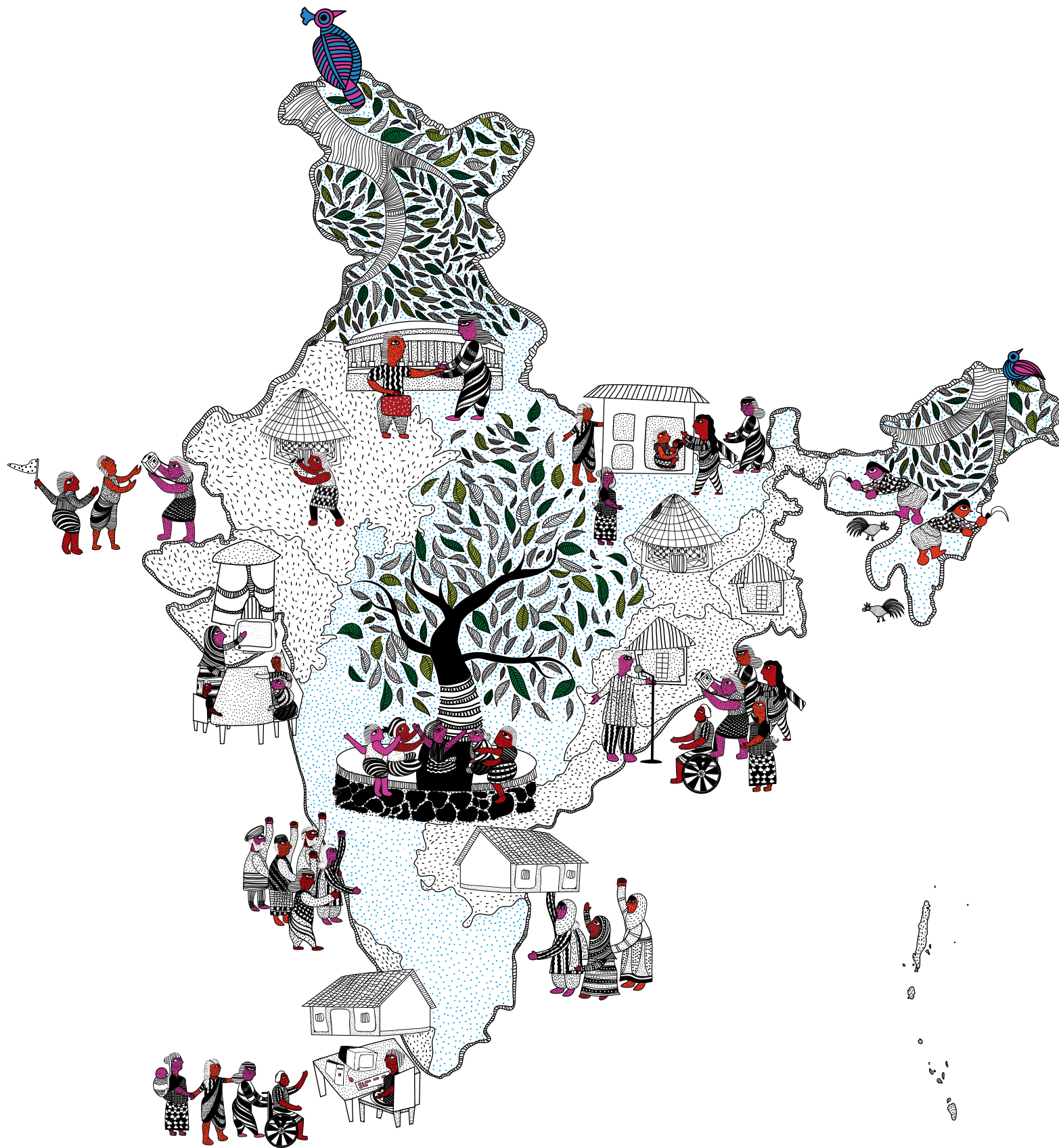
NFI also enabled the inclusion of NGO partners in INCLUDE, a network of NGOs with competence in community-led urban habitat development. The network conducted two training workshops, which

helped partners to network at a national level, and strengthened their capabilities in three key areas of participatory community-led habitat development, community profiling and data interpretation for planning, designing and implementation of upgrading solutions, and skills in partnering with local governments for transparent and inclusive local governance and urban planning.

The workshop helped expose our partners to national and international initiatives, and it developed their understanding on urban governance. INCLUDE also helped our partners to gather basic information on the mapping of communities and cities which would then be implemented through a people-centred approach for improving transparency in government structures. The workshop process helped add value to our partners' practices and organisations. By establishing a yearlong virtual mentoring group, we strengthened the capacities of our partners.

We enabled collaboration across states by setting up the SDG Goal 11 Network, and through INCLUDE we provided documentation and policy analysis reports for the NGOs. NFI developed more than 25 case studies from the project, "Strengthening Urban Governance through Community-based Water and Sanitation Management."





WE MAPPED CIVIL SOCIETY WORK ON BUDGET ADVOCACY AND SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

NFI has been supporting civil society work on budget transparency and accountability since 2012, and the work has extended across 13 states of India. In 2017, this was expanded to include a component on strengthening social accountability efforts by including civil society organisations (CSOs) that could help make state programmes work more effectively for the disadvantaged communities they were meant to reach. In order to better examine the outcomes of such work, NFI commissioned a comprehensive assessment in 2018 to understand the impact of CSO budget analyses and budget advocacy, as well as a landscape study on the social accountability work pioneered by CSOs in India.

The assessment carried out by Ravi Duggal (formerly of International Budget Partnership) is titled *Budget Accountability Praxis: History, Actions and Impact of CSO-led Budget Work in India*. The report has brought out that in the years when NFI had supported a large cohort of partners across many states, strategic changes have been facilitated in the way budget work was being done. The outreach of CSO-led work on budgets expanded into many more states, and NFI ended up with budget groups in about a dozen states across the country, as well as two partners operating on the national canvas. NFI also developed a strategic partnership with IBP and other campaigns towards increased convergence. This thorough documentation of budget work in India is a valuable analytical compendium of an important aspect of CSO action towards greater social justice.

While the support to CSOs on strengthening social accountability was already underway in the previous financial year, in 2018 NFI planned to position its support more strategically within the overall canvas of social accountability in the country. For this endeavour, we also needed to define where we could have the greatest impact. NFI commissioned a Landscape Study carried out by social researcher Surekha Garimella and social accountability specialist Dhananjay Kakade. This study consisted of a theoretical and empirical review which provided NFI with valuable information on popular methods of social accountability, the kinds of work that had been carried out with high visibility, the sectors in which such work had been done, and the theory of change behind such efforts. The report also indicated for NFI the available alternatives, and different ways of engaging in social accountability with less visible social issues and marginalized groups.

Based on this report, NFI identified four additional CSOs as partners in addition to the four already working in the states of Odisha, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra: these new partner CSOs were in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Telengana, where NFI had not focused substantially earlier. The new partners were working in relatively rare sectors such as transgender rights, patient rights in private health clinics, informal women *beedi* labourers' entitlements, and Muslim women's rights-claiming.

WE BUILT A CIVIL SOCIETY COHORT TO WORK ON NUTRITION IN FIVE STATES OF INDIA

Nutrition is one of the SDG Goals and Target 2.2 promises to end all forms of malnutrition, and to address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls, and pregnant and, lactating women.

NFI has set up a cohort of CSOs for promoting this SDG target across 500 villages and 25 districts in 5 states, through community-building ownership and engaging with implementers and policy actors.

As a first step, NFI closely examined the available nutrition data, and formed a Project Advisory Group (PAG) composed of experts from the media, academia and CSOs. Based on the data analysis and suggestions from the PAG, 5 states were selected, from among those with the highest incidence of malnutrition among women and children: Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Karnataka. The state partners were chosen based on a track record of work on nutrition within communities as well as engagement with state governments. At the outset, the goals of the project shared with them through a Project Inception Meeting in July 2018.

In order to build capacities of the cohort and enable concerted strategies across the five states, NFI identified a Resource Group to support evidence generation and capacity building. Initially a detailed Partner Needs Assessment was carried out, following which the Resource Group facilitated an awareness-building workshop on the significance of nutrition for the development agenda and understanding nutrition through the gender lens.

In November 2018, the cohort came together to build consensus on a result-based framework, and in January 2019 a capacity building workshop was organised to build understanding on an MIS that would be followed by all partners.

Towards widening the base of CSO interest on nutrition, NFI brought the cohort together at the National Health Assembly, Raipur organized by the People's Health Movement (*Jan Swasthya Abhiyan*) in late September 2018. The cohort and their project was introduced through a very well-attended session on "Gender and Health" discussing the agenda of *Maternity Entitlements - Non-negotiable and Overlapping Health Rights for Women and Children*. The session brought in experts to discuss the relevant policy aspects of the National Food Security Act and the recent amendment of Maternity Benefit Act, while cohort partners shared progress in the policy implementation across their states.

The frequent partner meetings have enabled NFI to finetune the collective strategy and address challenges faced by the members of the cohort as they take their work to a hundred villages in each of their states. These meetings and field visits by the Resource Group to each project site have provided continuous support to all the partners based on their distinct needs across the districts where they are working. The cohort will continue to work on raising awareness in communities and promoting local leadership by elected representatives on the issue of women and children's nutrition.



WE PROMOTED DIALOGUE ON HEALTH AMONG GRASSROOTS ORGANISATIONS AND ELECTED LEADERS

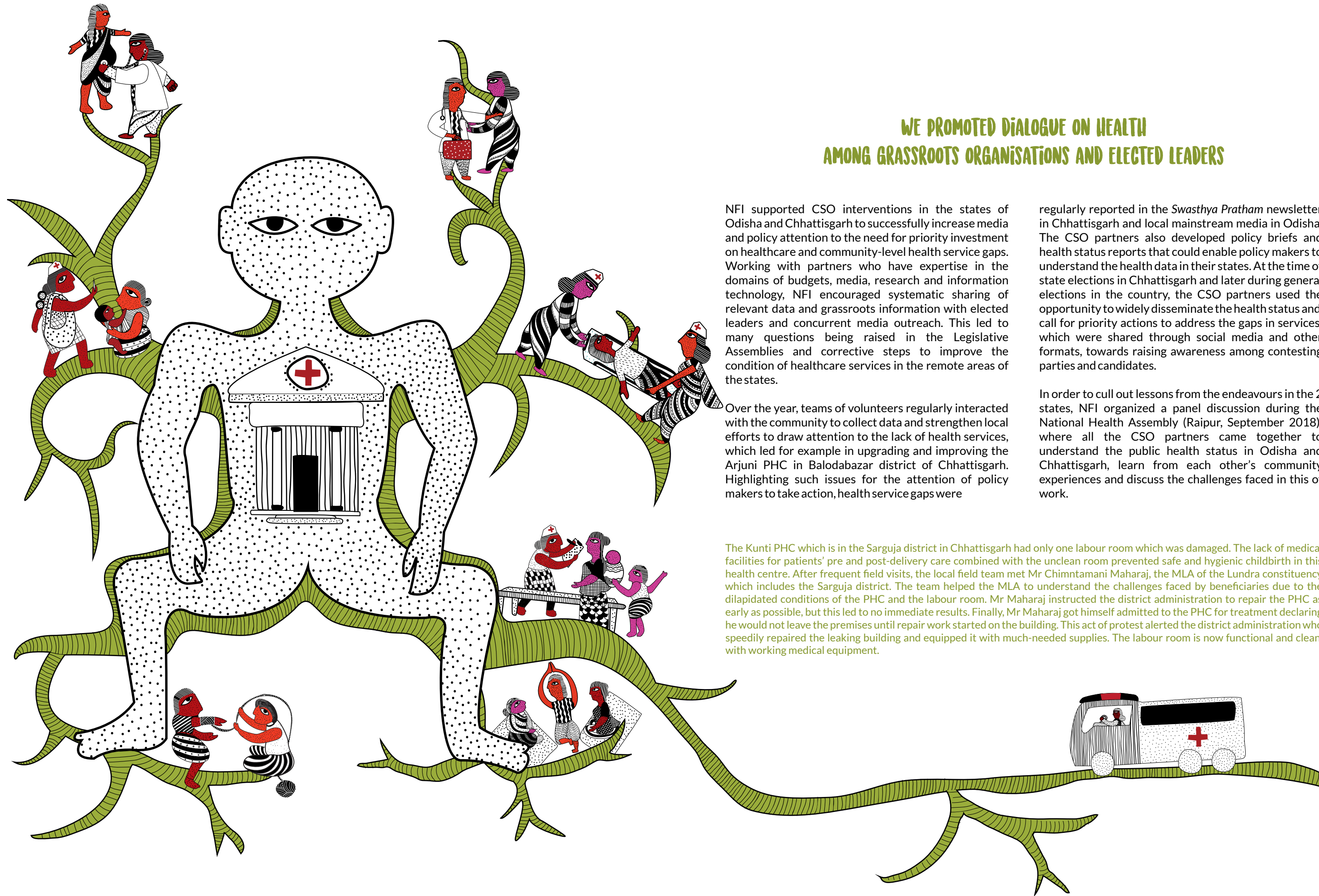
NFI supported CSO interventions in the states of Odisha and Chhattisgarh to successfully increase media and policy attention to the need for priority investment on healthcare and community-level health service gaps. Working with partners who have expertise in the domains of budgets, media, research and information technology, NFI encouraged systematic sharing of relevant data and grassroots information with elected leaders and concurrent media outreach. This led to many questions being raised in the Legislative Assemblies and corrective steps to improve the condition of healthcare services in the remote areas of the states.

Over the year, teams of volunteers regularly interacted with the community to collect data and strengthen local efforts to draw attention to the lack of health services, which led for example in upgrading and improving the Arjuni PHC in Balodabazar district of Chhattisgarh. Highlighting such issues for the attention of policy makers to take action, health service gaps were

regularly reported in the *Swasthya Pratham* newsletter in Chhattisgarh and local mainstream media in Odisha. The CSO partners also developed policy briefs and health status reports that could enable policy makers to understand the health data in their states. At the time of state elections in Chhattisgarh and later during general elections in the country, the CSO partners used the opportunity to widely disseminate the health status and call for priority actions to address the gaps in services, which were shared through social media and other formats, towards raising awareness among contesting parties and candidates.

In order to cull out lessons from the endeavours in the 2 states, NFI organized a panel discussion during the National Health Assembly (Raipur, September 2018), where all the CSO partners came together to understand the public health status in Odisha and Chhattisgarh, learn from each other's community experiences and discuss the challenges faced in this of work.

The Kunti PHC which is in the Sarguja district in Chhattisgarh had only one labour room which was damaged. The lack of medical facilities for patients' pre and post-delivery care combined with the unclean room prevented safe and hygienic childbirth in this health centre. After frequent field visits, the local field team met Mr Chimntamani Maharaj, the MLA of the Lundra constituency which includes the Sarguja district. The team helped the MLA to understand the challenges faced by beneficiaries due to the dilapidated conditions of the PHC and the labour room. Mr Maharaj instructed the district administration to repair the PHC as early as possible, but this led to no immediate results. Finally, Mr Maharaj got himself admitted to the PHC for treatment declaring he would not leave the premises until repair work started on the building. This act of protest alerted the district administration who speedily repaired the leaking building and equipped it with much-needed supplies. The labour room is now functional and clean, with working medical equipment.



WE SUPPORTED STATE GOVERNMENTS TO ENGAGE WITH SDG AGENDA

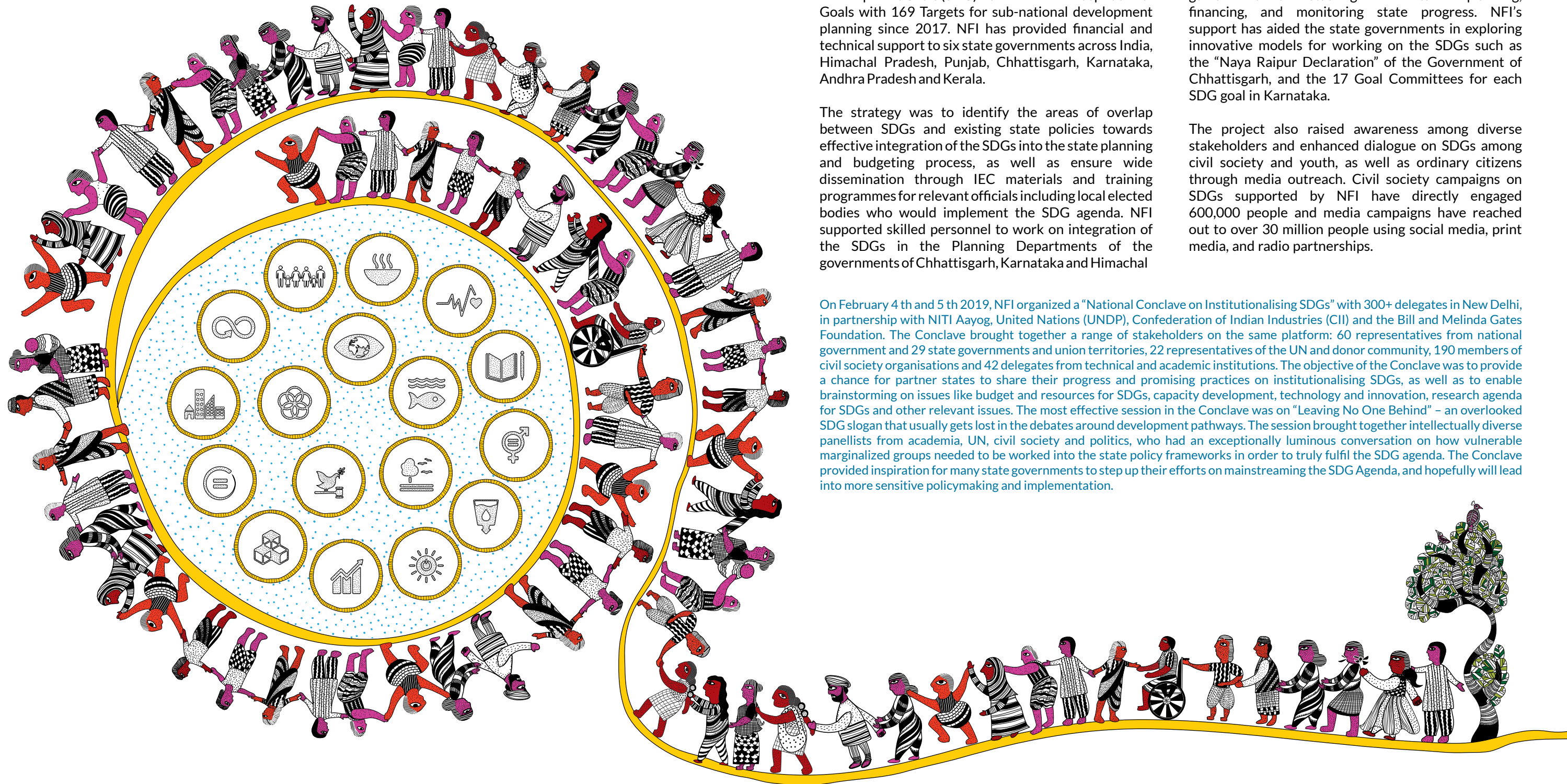
NFI has been promoting the use of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) framework of 17 aspirational Goals with 169 Targets for sub-national development planning since 2017. NFI has provided financial and technical support to six state governments across India, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

The strategy was to identify the areas of overlap between SDGs and existing state policies towards effective integration of the SDGs into the state planning and budgeting process, as well as ensure wide dissemination through IEC materials and training programmes for relevant officials including local elected bodies who would implement the SDG agenda. NFI supported skilled personnel to work on integration of the SDGs in the Planning Departments of the governments of Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Himachal

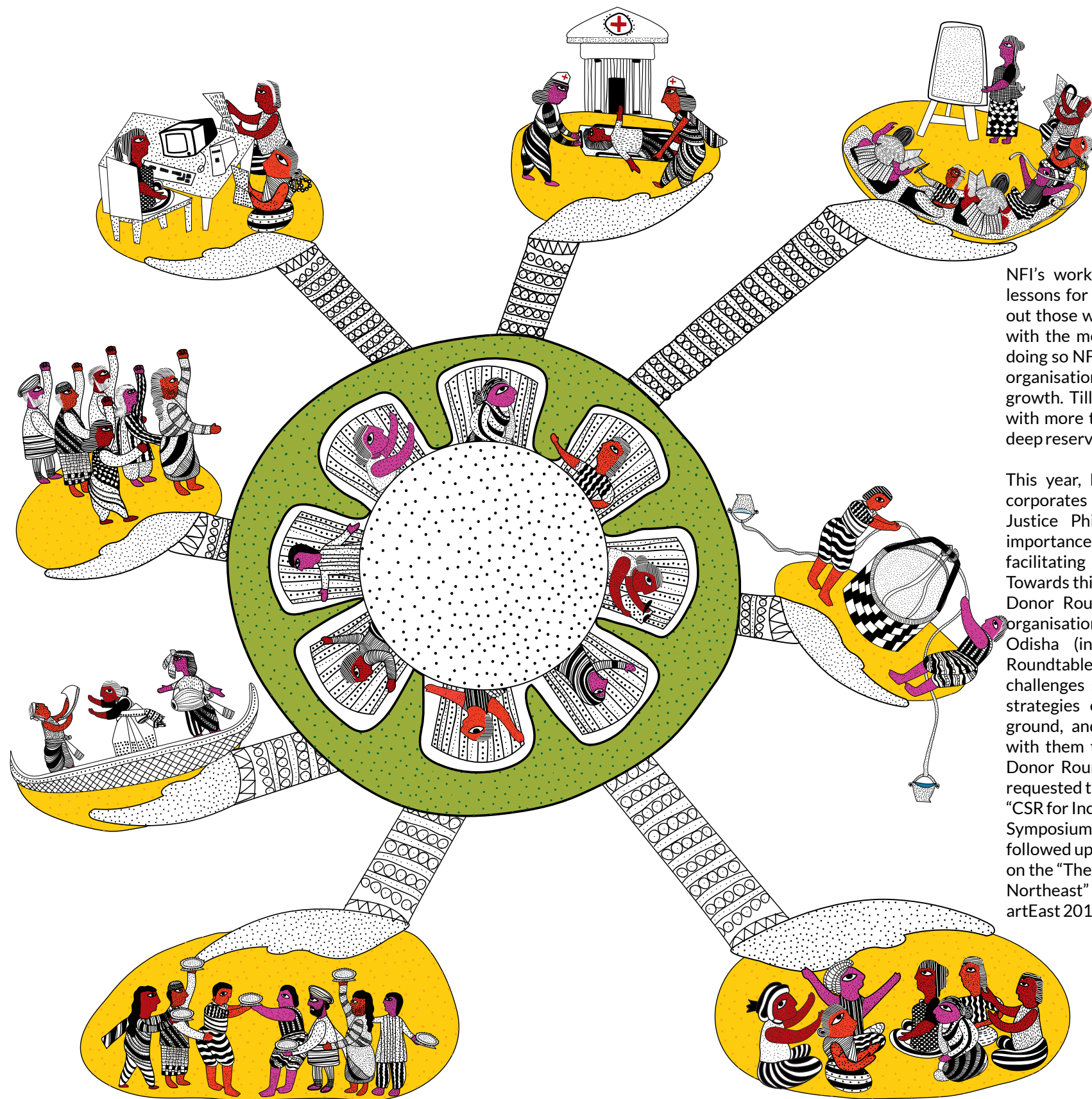
Pradesh and enabled technical advisers to provide guidance to the state governments on planning, financing, and monitoring state progress. NFI's support has aided the state governments in exploring innovative models for working on the SDGs such as the "Naya Raipur Declaration" of the Government of Chhattisgarh, and the 17 Goal Committees for each SDG goal in Karnataka.

The project also raised awareness among diverse stakeholders and enhanced dialogue on SDGs among civil society and youth, as well as ordinary citizens through media outreach. Civil society campaigns on SDGs supported by NFI have directly engaged 600,000 people and media campaigns have reached out to over 30 million people using social media, print media, and radio partnerships.

On February 4th and 5th 2019, NFI organized a "National Conclave on Institutionalising SDGs" with 300+ delegates in New Delhi, in partnership with NITI Aayog, United Nations (UNDP), Confederation of Indian Industries (CII) and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The Conclave brought together a range of stakeholders on the same platform: 60 representatives from national government and 29 state governments and union territories, 22 representatives of the UN and donor community, 190 members of civil society organisations and 42 delegates from technical and academic institutions. The objective of the Conclave was to provide a chance for partner states to share their progress and promising practices on institutionalising SDGs, as well as to enable brainstorming on issues like budget and resources for SDGs, capacity development, technology and innovation, research agenda for SDGs and other relevant issues. The most effective session in the Conclave was on "Leaving No One Behind" – an overlooked SDG slogan that usually gets lost in the debates around development pathways. The session brought together intellectually diverse panellists from academia, UN, civil society and politics, who had an exceptionally luminous conversation on how vulnerable marginalized groups needed to be worked into the state policy frameworks in order to truly fulfil the SDG agenda. The Conclave provided inspiration for many state governments to step up their efforts on mainstreaming the SDG Agenda, and hopefully will lead into more sensitive policymaking and implementation.



PHILANTHROPY



WE INITIATED DONOR DIALOGUE ON SOCIAL JUSTICE PHILANTHROPY

NFI's work over the last several years holds many lessons for social justice philanthropy. NFI has sought out those who work among the last-mile communities, with the most disadvantaged and marginalized; while doing so NFI has invested in strengthening civil society organisations and supported them in their journey of growth. Till date, NFI has collaborated and partnered with more than 300 organisations across India, with a deep reservoir of grant-making experience.

This year, NFI sought to build an understanding of corporates and intermediary organisations on Social Justice Philanthropy, including communicating the importance of CSO work on social justice, and facilitating dialogue between CSOs and donors. Towards this, in October and November 2018, NFI held Donor Roundtables with local collaborating funding organisations in Assam (in partnership with ICCO) and Odisha (in partnership with Jindal CSR). These Roundtables aimed at understanding the development challenges specific to the state, showcasing effective strategies of non-profits that have worked on the ground, and promoting donor interest in partnering with them to address the gaps. As a follow up to the Donor Roundtable in Odisha, the Odisha CSR Forum requested the executive director of NFI for an article on "CSR for Inclusive Growth in Odisha" for their upcoming Symposium Souvenir (January 2019). These were followed up by a national donor dialogue in March 2019 on the "The Art of Inclusion - Moving beyond welfare in Northeast" as a special panel was organized during the artEast 2019 festival in Delhi.

NFI allied strategically with organizations in the philanthropy infrastructure space, including platforms like the Asia Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN), research groups like the Centre for Social Impact Philanthropy (CSIP) at Ashoka University and those active within the Indian philanthropy space such as SAMHITA Social Ventures, which is an advisory group for CSR. Through joint initiatives with such organizations based on an exchange of expertise and outreach, NFI attempted to leverage a greater role within philanthropic spaces.

Beyond participating in the AVPN Asian Conference (June 2018), and using the opportunity to build networks, NFI also established its expertise in gender and social justice approaches. Consequently, NFI's executive director was invited as a speaker for the plenary session of the AVPN India Conference organised in New Delhi (December 2018). In partnership with the CSIP at the Ashoka University which engages in prolific academic research, NFI supported the launch of the report, "Philanthropy in India: A working paper, produced by Philanthropy for Social Justice and Peace and the CSIP" in February 2019. Using NFI's outreach among civil society organisations, NFI and SAMHITA jointly reached out to civil society for feedback on current CSR law through an "NGO consultation on CSR Law for the Ministry of Corporate Affairs", in partnership with the ATE Amit Chandra Foundation (January 2019).

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCIALS



As on 31st March 2019

Employees

As on 31st March 2019

Jashodhara Dasgupta
Gitanjali Das
Ipsapratibimbita Sarangi
K.N. Joshi
Kasmita Basing
M.K. Lal
Mohd Raza
Monica Banerjee
Neelay Singh
Radhika Mathur
Rohtash Kumar
Rumana Nizami
Sachin Sharma
Santosh Kumar
Sujatha P.V
Imstoshi

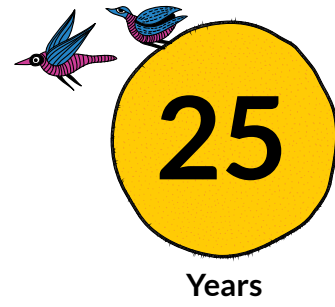
Board Members

Dr. Syeda Hameed
Renu Karnad Sud
Prof. Niraja Gopal Jayal
Pamela Philipose
Satyanand Mishra

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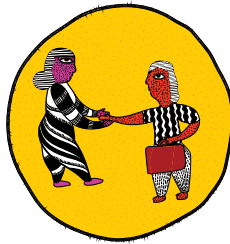
Dipa Sinha, Ambedkar University Delhi.
Anjali Bhardwaj, National Campaign for Peoples' Right to Information (NCPRI)
Dr. Vandana Prasad, Public Health Resource Network
Devika Singh, Mobile Creches

IMPACT AND OUTREACH



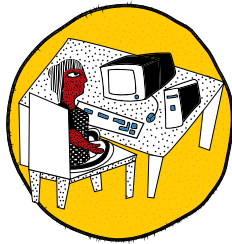
25
Years

Supported



200
Voluntary
Initiatives

Nurtured



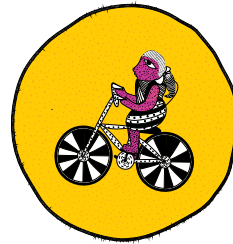
300
Civil Society
Organisations

Promoted



430
Community
Leaders

Engaged with



250
Youth
Interns

Impacted



26,000
Tribals and Dalits

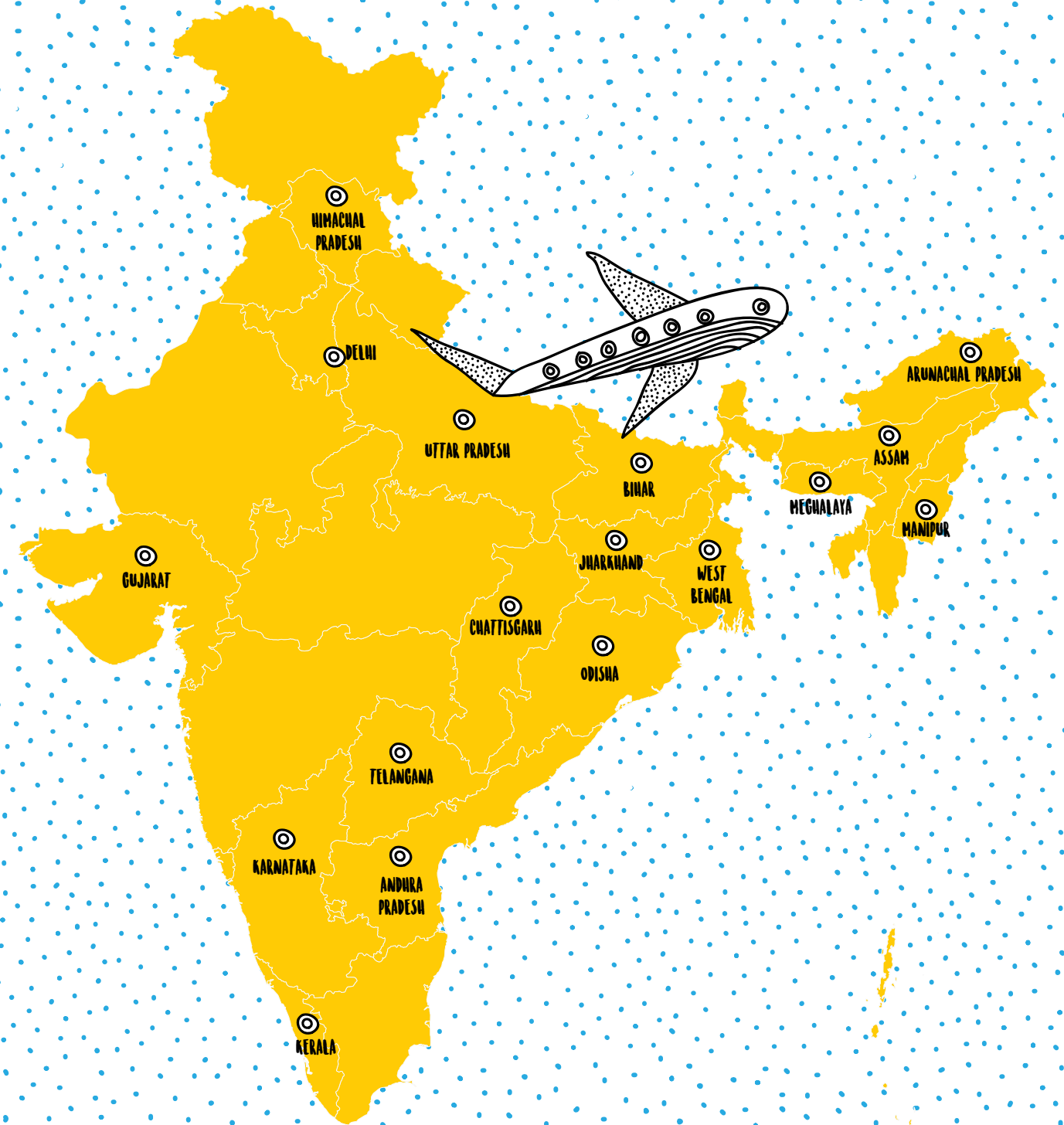


30,000
Women



14,000
Minorities

GRANTS IN INDIAN STATES





**GRANTEES
DETAILS
2018-19**

Grantees State Amount

Citizens and Society

St. Xaviers Non Formal Education Society
Center for Youth Development and Activities
Rupantaran

Gujarat 400000
Maharashtra 250000
West Bengal 400000

Community Health

Lalit Surjan (Consultancy)
Rajendra Chandak (Consultancy)

Patrakar Parkashn
Malti Chandak (Consultancy)
Sharen ponam (Consultancy)
Vishwas (Consultancy)
B polama (Consultancy)
Oniondev Technologies Pvt Ltd
Centre for Youth and Social Development (CYSD)
Media Research and Development Studies
Siddha Development Research and consultancy (P) Ltd
ASHA
CHAUPAL
NLSUI
Vlikas Samwad Samiti
Aditi (Consultancy)
Ganapathy (Consultancy)
Vandana Prasad (Consultancy)
Elasa Bose (Consultancy)
Radhika Bordiya (Consultancy)
Vivek (Consultancy)
Raj Kishore (Consultancy)

Chhattisgarh 220000
Chhattisgarh 532000
Chhattisgarh 3244779
Chhattisgarh 240000
Chhattisgarh 196000
Chhattisgarh 114000
Chhattisgarh 159000
Chhattisgarh 255000
Delhi 1072204
Odisha 1855134
Odisha 949000
Odisha 511810
West Bengal 1566701
Chattisgarh 1390352
Karnataka 2926000
Madhya Pradesh 2618500
Delhi 225000
Delhi 300000
Delhi 402200
Delhi 340000
Delhi 160000
Delhi 225000
Odisha 288000

Development Journalism

Drishti
Manthan Yuva Sansthan

Gujarat 481500
Jharkhand 500000

Elementary Education

Action for Inclusion and Empowerment Trust
Farm 2 Food Foundation
Jubayer Masud Education & Charitable Trust (JMECT)
NERSWN
Sido Kanhu Institute (SKI)
Samagra Seva
Centre for Community Initiative (CCI)
Integrated Social & Institutional Development for Empowerment
Siamsinpawlpi (SSPP)
Synroplang for Social Transformation (SST)

Assam 292813
Assam 498106
Assam 225911
Assam 599004
Assam 392000
Bihar 599723
Manipur 597352
Manipur 299607
Manipur 399706
Meghalaya 200000
Meghalaya 100000

Grantees State Amount

Local Governance and Accountability

Centre for Rural Studies and Development (CRSD)

FST (Foundation for Social Transformation)
CHARM
Rishi Raj (Consultancy)
Samarthan-Centre For Development Support
Shreya Shukla (Consultancy)
Centre for Equity Studies
St. Xaviers Non Formal Education Society
Karunakar (Consultancy)
Social Uplift Through Rural Action (SUTRA)
Samajik Parivartan Sansthan (SPS)

Andhra Pradesh 29853
Andhra Pradesh 700000
Assam 200000
Bihar 198267
Chhattisgarh 954000
Chhattisgarh 500000
Chhattisgarh 600000
Delhi 198769
Gujarat 500000
Himachal Pradesh 1272000
Himachal Pradesh 500000
Jharkhand 17961
Jharkhand 300000
Karnataka 1608449
Karnataka 720000
Karnataka 1200000
Kerala 210311
Maharashtra 500000
Maharashtra 351708
Odisha 200000
Odisha 664929
Odisha 500000
Odisha 33522
Punjab 500000
Rajasthan 1091213
Telangana 31096
Uttar Pradesh 4832845
West Bengal 200000
West Bengal 200000
West Bengal 850000
Telangana 500000
Rajasthan 500000

MYRADA

Kirti (Consultancy)
Roopa (Consultancy)
Centre for Communication and Development Studies
Center for Youth Development and Activities
National Centre for Advocacy Studies
Centre for Child and Women Development (CCWD)
Health and Development Initiative (HDI)
PATANG
Urban and Development Resource Centre (UDRC)
MGSIPA
Astha Sansthan
Centre for Rural Studies and Development
SAHYOG
KOLKATTA RISTA
PRANTKATHA
PRAJWALA
PRAYATNA
Rupantaran

Livelihood Security

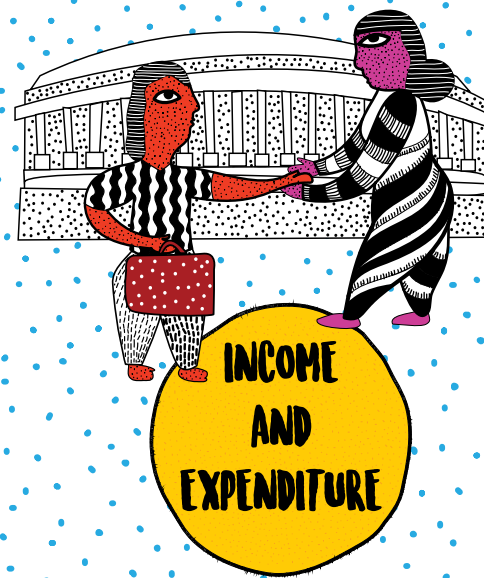
Diya Foundation
Gramya Vikas Mancha
Mahila Sakti Kendra

Assam 1145372
Assam 4696880
Assam 143234
Assam 1034937
Assam 1395228
Assam 826019
Chhattisgarh 3621732
Odisha 3376721
Odisha 483000
Odisha 250000
Odisha 3457221
Odisha 1713066

Peace and Justice

FST (Foundation for Social Transformation)
Pardarshita
Sansad
Centre for Community Initiative (CCI)
Nari-O-Sishu Kalyan Kendra (NOSKK)

Assam 410250
New Delhi 281000
New Delhi 50000
Manipur 200000
West Bengal 323444



31st March 2019

PARTICULARS	Current Year Rs lacs	Previous Year Rs lacs
INCOME		
Transfer from Grants : Programmes	1,050.96	2019.78
Interest on Corpus Fund Investments	93.12	110.02
Income on Corpus Fund Investments	39.58	72.15
Income on Program Fund Investments	61.86	94.40
Interest on Savings Bank Accounts	20	26.71
Exchange Gain	0.00	-2.24
Other Income	21.48	2.56
Civil Society Development Fund utilised	11.96	20.00
TOTAL (a)	1,298.75	2,343.38
EXPENDITURE		
Programme Expenses	1,285.41	2244.58
Operating Expenses	98.28	60.11
Provision for Depreciation on common facilities IHC	2.77	2.77
TOTAL (b)	1,386.47	2,307.46
Surplus /(Deficit) (a-b)	-87.72	35.92
Less: Accumulation u/s 11(2) of Income Tax Act 1961	-	
Balance amount carried to Balance Sheet	-87.72	35.92



PARTICULARS	As at 31.03.2019 Rs (lacs)		As at 31.03.2018 Rs (lacs)
SOURCES OF FUNDS			
Corpus Funds			
Opening Balance	3,245.36		
Receipts in the Year	91.67	3,337.03	3,245.36
Assets Fund			
Opening Balance	66.95		
Additions in the Year	1.11		
	68.06		
Less: Deletions/adjustments during the year	(7.57)	60.49	66.95
Gratuity Fund			
Opening Balance	39.05		
Add: Provision in year	18.00		
	57.05		
Less :Payments in year	(21.38)	35.67	39.05
Provision for depreciation on IHC Capital Assets			
Opening Balance	47.12		
Additions in the Year	2.77	49.89	47.12
Staff Welfare Fund			
Opening Balance	1.18		
Additions in the Year	0.20		
	1.38		
Less: Disbursals during the year	-	1.38	1.18
Civil Society Development Fund			
Amount accumulated during the year u/s 11(2) of the Income Tax Act,1961	12.33		
Add: provision made during the year	0.00		
Less : Amount utilised as per Income & Expenditure statement	(11.96)	0.37	12.33
Excess of Income over Expenditure			
Opening Balance	358.66		
Surplus for the year as per Income and Expenditure Account	(87.71)	270.95	358.66
TOTAL		3,755.78	3,770.65
APPLICATION OF FUNDS			
Fixed Assets (Cost less depreciation)		69.83	77.95
Investments (at Cost)		3,758.25	4,575.51
Net Current Assets		(72.30)	(882.81)
TOTAL		3,755.78	3,770.65

THANK YOU!



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