

Rural Volunteers Centre-Brief Profile

1. **Name of the Organization:** Rural Volunteers Centre (RVC)
2. **Address:** : Village+P.O=Akajan, Via-Silapathar
District-Dhemaji, State-Assam
PIN-787 059
3. **Location** (working): Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Majuli District, Biswanath and Sonitpur District of Assam and West Siang and East Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh
4. **Legal status:**
 - Registered under 1860 Society registration Act
 - Registered under FCRA (for international funding)
 - 12 A (tax exemption for NGO income): Yes
 - 80 G: Yes
 - Registered under NGO portal of Niti Ayog.
5. **Year of establishment-**1993
6. **Contact person:** Mr Luit Goswami, Director
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10. Vision, Mission, Goals, Geographical coverage etc

A.	Year of establishment	1993
B.	Vision	An epidemic free just society with appropriate technology and self-reliance
C.	Mission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriation of rural technologies, skills and practices through participation of the community to ensure better and secured living opportunities. • Empowering children, adolescent and women of the under privileged section of the community to thrive through ensuring access to health, education and protection measures as well as well as active participation. • Empowerment of the women of the indigenous groups and the under privilege section of the communities to assert their rights through action on the factors causing denial to justice. • Strengthening of coping mechanism of vulnerable people with disaster through empowerment of community based organization and systems/practices prevalent at community level.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively engage with Government to address gaps in systems and policies in management of natural resources as well as empowering community to adapt to climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction locally.
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D.	Theme	Goal	District
01.	End poverty in all its forms everywhere.	Promotion and empowerment of at least 5000 adolescents and youths through investment for inculcating knowledge, skills and resources as well as access to basic services to ensure decent livelihood opportunities within the year 2022.	Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Majuli
02.	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.	Facilitating social, preventive and remedial measures as well as promoting enabling environment to access basic services under food and nutrition, targeting at least 5000 vulnerable families to reduce under nourishment, anemia within the year 2022.	Dhemaji, Majuli
03.	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.	To create an environment of acceptability and deliverability to reduce /eliminate IM, CM and MM at least in 100 numbers of underserved, unserved villages and hard to reach villages working in partnership with Government, local governance, other agencies by 2022.	Dhemaji, Majuli.
04.	Ensure inclusive and quality education for all and promote lifelong learning:	To empower 5000 families from the underprivileged sections of the communities and 100 SMCs/SMDs to understand and implement quality education with special focus on the curriculum, integrating IT and life skills development in lesson plan as well as ensuring special education to the deserved children, adolescent targeting 10000 children from primary and high and higher school section.	Dhemaji, Majuli, Biswanath and Sonitpur
05.	Achieve gender equality and empower women and girls.	Empowering 5000 women, adolescent, youth and men to reduce/eliminate violence against women at home, work place, public place, private place as well as eliminate early marriage, forced marriage in active collaboration with Government, local	Dhemaji, Majuli, Biswanath and Sonitpur

		governance and community institutions by 2022.	
06.	Ensure access to water and sanitation for all.	To empower 5000 children, adolescent and youth; 100 SMC/SMDC to develop, adopt and implement WASH plan in 300 Primary, high and higher schools by 2022.	Dhemaji, Majuli, Lakhimpur

07.	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts:	To empower at least 10000 vulnerable communities including children, adolescents, youth, women in upper Brahmaputra river basin towards adaptation to climate change and DRR locally.	Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, Majuli
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11. Statutory policies:

- 11.1. HR policy
- 11.2. Finance policy
- 11.3. Procurement policy
- 11.4. Gender Policy
- 11.5. Child safeguarding policy
- 11.6. Prevention of sexual policy at work place (POSH policy).
- 11.5. Travel policy

08. Present staff/volunteers strength:

- 08.1. Paid staffs (as of 25th November 2021): 45
- 08.2. Volunteers: 1000+

09. Infrastructure with RVC:

- Office space: 06 nos
- Training hall: 01
- Training hostel: 02
- Auditorium: 01
- Living space for staffs/Volunteers: 30 staffs/volunteers can be catered.
- Guest room: 10 guests can be catered
- Vehicle: 01 car and 05 M. cycles
- Desktop/Laptop: 25 nos
- Printers/Xerox: 21
- Projector: 01

10. Present project (As on 25.11.2021)

Sl. No	Name of the Project	Objective	Supported by
01.	Transforming Rural India through Digital Inclusion.	Promoting Digital Inclusion in 4-pillars 01. Education 02. Livelihood 03. Governance 04. Finance	Nokia-Save the Children
02	Strengthening Community Action for Development in NE India	“Livelihood Restoration of flood and Erosion affected People of Dhemaji District of Assam.	Bread for the World
03.	Living better with flood-An approach for sustainable socio-economic security in flood plains of Dhemaji District of Assam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting Socio-economic resiliency of most marginalized/vulnerable HHs in 10 flood vulnerable villages under 02 Panchayats of Murkongselek and Sissiborgaon Block of Dhemaji District, Assam. Building/Promoting Household and community level resiliency to cope with flood. 	Paul Hamlyn Foundation
04.	Global Program India: Poverty reduction and food security, promoting social inclusion of particularly marginalised groups and increasing resilience to Disasters in high-risk areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting disaster resilience Poverty reduction and food security. Promoting resilience to disaster. 	Caritas Germany and Caritas India.
05.	Localization of child centered disaster resilience through empowering communities and institutions in Dhemaji and Majuli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promoting Child and Women centered DRR. 	UNICEF

11. Fund handling capacity:

11.1. On an average 1,00,00,00.00 (01 crore per year)

12. RVC works in collaboration with:

- Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA)- HR
- Office of the Deputy Commissioner-Dhemaji, Lakhimpur and Majuli-Co financing and HR.

- District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), Dhemaji, Majuli and Lakhimpur- Cofinancing and HR.
- District School Safety Advisory Committee, Dhemaji and Majuli- HR
- RVC is member of District Child Protection Committee (DCPD), Majuli-HR
- 12th Battalion of NDRF, Dhemaji- Co financing and HR
- SDRF, Majuli.-HR
- Fire and Emergency Service-Dhemaji and Majuli- HR
- Office of District Elementary Officer and Office of the Inspector of Schools.- Cofinancing and HR for promoting CFSie and promoting School Safety Plan.
- DIET, Dhemaji and Majuli-HR
- District Child Protection Unit (DCPU), Dhemaji.
- Child Welfare Committee (CWC, Dhemaji).
- Assam Agriculture University(AAU), Jorhat /Krishi Vigyaan Kendra (KVK), Dhemaji
- Fishery College, Raha
- North East Regional Institute of Water and Land Management (NERIWALM)
- District Legal Service Authority (DLSA), Dhemaji

13. RVC has worked with support from/partnership with-

Few of the Global partners-

European Commission for Humanitarian Organization (ECHO), Department of International Development (DFID), UNICEF, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Action Aid, Oxfam, Save the Children, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), SCBR, Churches Auxiliary for Social Action (CASA), German Relief and TB relief Association (GLRA), India; Jiv Daya Foundation (JDF), Association for India's Development (AID), Assam Foundation of North America (AFNA), Simenpuu Foundation, National Foundation of India (NFI), Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), Aid et Action etc. – **All are cofinacer as well as contribute towards HR development.**

Few of the National partners -

Sir Dorabji Tata Trust, Sir Ratan Tata Trust, Nawajbai Tata Trust, Tata trusts, Juniper Network, Nokia, Voluntary Health Association of Assam (VHAA), Nokia etc.- **Co financing and HR development.**

Few of the Ministry/ Government department's with whom RVC works in partnership- but

Technical departments/agencies/councils:

- Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR)- HR

- Department of Science and Technology- Co financing
- National Informatics Centre (NIC)- Co financing and HR
- Govt. of India; Assam Agriculture University (AAU), Jorhat- Co financing and HR
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Dhemaji-Co financing and HR.
Dhemaji; Fishery College, Raha- Co financing and HR
- State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development (SIPRD)- Con financing and HR.
- Development departments/agencies/councils: Department of Adult Education, GoA; Department of Primary education, GoA; Department of Health & Family welfare, GoA; Department of Rural Development, GoA, Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), Mishing Autonomous Council (MAC).- **All are Cofinancing and HR**

National networks:

01. Sphere India on DRR and Response/ SI members group (Co financing and HR)
02. Founder members of State IAG Assam- DRR/Response (Co-financing and HR)
03. Founder and Convener of Dhemaji District-IAG (Cofinancing and HR).
04. Founder and convener of Majuli District IAG- Cofinancing and HR.
05. NGO Covid Coordination Group (Coalition between NITI Ayog and CSO- Information sharing group.
06. Right to food Campaign India. -HR
07. People's Right Forum- HR support to work on Right to food, nutrition and livelihood based at Dhemaji mainly.
08. State Alliance- Co financing and HR support.
09. CSO- Network Assam an Arunachal- Cofinancing works on trans boundary river issues.
10. NE Water talks- Co financing and HR, works towards documenting water issues of NEI.
11. Assam Collective Governance –HR and Cofinancing on youth issues across Assam.

14. Few recognition in last 5-years:-

- The “Flood resilient hand pump” model promoted by RVC has been awarded with 3rd prize in a competition held by ASDMA on the theme “Innovative challenges for DRR” on the occasion of “International Day for Disaster Reduction” 2017.
- The school safety framework promoted by RVC under NSSP 2016 is adopted and replicated by District administration Majuli across all schools in Majuli.
- The “Child friendly spaces in emergencies ” promoted by RVC since 2016 has been adopted and implemented successfully by Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) in the designated relief camps across Assam during flood 2020.
- What are the expected information, resources and engagement.

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