Foreword

Over the years, AEA South Asia has emerged as a preferred partner with communities, governments, corporate agencies and other diverse stakeholders by delivering impactful programme outcomes. We have been devising and implementing quality education and skills development programmes in South Asia.

There is no doubt that the enrolment in schools has increased exponentially with the efforts of the governments and other actors in South Asia and across the globe. At the same time, it is worrisome to witness great disparities in the quality of education. Our strategy to adopt transitional pedagogy with specific learning outcomes to improve the quality of education has yielded positive results. Along with the issue of quality, it is highly challenging to bring the last decile of children into the schooling system, who are facing multiple forms of marginalisation. Our work with these groups of children and youth facing deprivation, stigma and exclusion, is helping us identify the most effective methodologies to include them in the education system. These groups include:

- Children who survived the earthquake disaster in Nepal
- Youth from families that returned to Sri Lanka from India after the end of the 30-year civil war
- Scheduled Tribe (ST) children and youth from the state of Meghalaya in India, where 86% of the population is ST, and lives in and around forested regions that cover 70% of Meghalaya’s land area
- Children living in villages of the buffer zones of the four Tiger Reserves of India
- Girl children in stigmatised groups, such as children with disability, domestic workers, HIV & AIDS affected and infected children, children of commercial sex workers, etc.

A systematic and sustained dialogue with key government agencies of nine States of India has enhanced the protection of the rights of thousands of migrant children. We did this in collaboration with UNICEF and the Odisha Commission for Child Protection and Child Rights.

The year 2017 also marked 11 years of our foray into skills development. We are proud to have transformed the lives of over 200,000 marginalized youths. With that crucial milestone reached, we are now focusing on models to promote young entrepreneurs who can actively contribute to nation building. As always, we have had strong support from the Aide et Action International network, and our partners across South Asia continue to be a source of exceptional strength - I would like to thank them all for their dedication and cooperation.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge the contribution, support and commitment of our South Asia Board and my colleagues who, through their hard work, dedication and passion, are engaged in changing the world through education.

Ravi Pratap Singh
Regional Director, Aide et Action International – South Asia

In 2017, with the support of our sponsors and donors, and the implementation of 37 projects, we have been able to make good headway with regards to making quality education accessible for all in the 4 countries we work in: Bhutan, India, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.

Zoom on a few projects

1) Rebuilding for Change in Nepal
Location: Nepal
Thematic: Access & Quality Education

The massive earthquake in Nepal on 25th April 2015 claimed more than 8,500 lives and left extensive damage to property. Fourteen districts were severely affected, people lost their possessions and were forced into open spaces and temporary shelters for safety and survival. Bichaur, Ilampokhari and Dudpokhari Village Development Committees (VDCs) in Lamjung district were some of the hardest hit areas. Difficult terrain and poor transport connectivity made the area inaccessible. Aide et Action International (AEAI) carried out emergency relief operations in Lamjung, with communities receiving survival support in the form of tarpaulin and food materials.

Education in the area was hugely impacted. Most efforts focused on the construction of temporary learning centres. Corrugated iron sheets were distributed, along with education materials, to fifteen schools in the three VDCs. These shelters functioned as temporary classrooms and as space for activities – including psycho-social counselling and recreation – as well as a resource hub. Following the approval from the National Reconstruction Authority and Social Welfare, permanent classrooms and toilets were built. Makeshift science labs and school libraries were also constructed.

In the aftermath of natural disasters in developing countries like Nepal, support for children is a priority – especially where the educational system is already strained. To support the children, 42 volunteers and teachers were mentored to provide psycho-social support, especially to children. A total of 1,950 children studying at 21 schools benefitted from the project.

In Kathmandu and Lalitpur, AEAI supported youth in their search for jobs. They were encouraged to enroll in Aide et Action’s ongoing employability skill training programme (Initiative for Livelihood Education and Development – iLEAD). Through the association with the NGO UCEP, many trained youth successfully found employment opportunities, which helped several families to cope with their economic loss and plan towards a more hopeful future.

Key target groups:
- A total of 1,950 children studying in 21 schools are the primary beneficiaries of this project.
- Besides children, the project also reached out to 42 primary level teachers through training on psycho-social intervention techniques to overcome trauma and improve learning among children.

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Community Participation and Ownership
AEAI has enhanced the capacities of School Management Committees in monitoring the quality of education in schools and in the construction of the new school buildings.

Skills Development
Aide et Action International has oriented the youths in rural and urban Meghalaya and community members about the importance of vocational and skills training, as well as the various programs being offered under the project and by local and national governments. Youths have received career counselling advice and the project has focused on the special needs of girls, women, disabled and minority groups. It has helped them pursue a meaningful vocation, keeping in mind their cultural, physical and gender sensitivities.

In the last four years, AEAI has benefitted 31,800 youths, 6,148 School Management Committee members, and 20,856 Students.

Dharmishtha, Neeta and many girls who are part of the iLEAD programme. The apparel for the show was designed by our fashion trainers from different cities & towns across India under the iLEAD programme, supported by Accenture. The event also saw the launch of eModules on Digital Literacy in different languages. The iLEAD centers – Shilling, Pratapnagar, Dharampur, Sundergarh, Trivanndrum, Paharganj, and Malad were awarded for their remarkable contribution to enhancing the quality of skill development programmes.

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Key Events & Interventions
Reviving Cluster Resource Centres (CRC) for building the capacities of teachers
AEAI SA successfully revived eight government CRCs in Bandipur and Kanha Reserve Forest buffer zone, located in Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh states respectively.

Protection of the Rights of Migrant Children
AEAI SA, along with UNICEF and Orissa State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, organized an interstate dialogue on planning and designing effective government policies, programmes and convergence mechanisms to protect the rights of migrant children.

“One Million Smiles” celebrated in Jaipur
After 11 years, iLEAD has reached out to more than 200,000 deprived youth and helped them on the path to employment by providing them with essential sets of targeted skills. To celebrate such a success and express our gratitude to all those who stood by us, AEAI South Asia organized the event “11 Years of Transforming 200,000 Lives and A Celebration of One Million Smiles” in Jaipur, India. Miss India (Sriya finalist) – Savita, Miss Rajwada – Jyoti Saini, Face of Jaipur 2016 & Jaipur Icon 2015 – Anu Sharma and other renowned models walked the ramp along with – Mona, Aparna, Dimple, Bhawna, Radhika, Pinky, Kalpana, Chetna, Reena, Meera, Nisha.

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2) Supporting Human Capital Development in Meghalaya
Location: India

Thematic: Livelihood Education
This is a 5-year project initiated in the year 2014 to enhance the employability of Meghalaya’s youth (18 to 35 yrs) by improving the quality and delivery of Secondary and Higher Secondary (SHS) education, as well as of technical and vocational skills development programmes. The project adopts a three-pronged strategy to enhance synergies between SHS and skills development programmes.

As one of the key implementing partners, AEAI has been at the forefront of conducting advocacy and social mobilization campaigns to enhance appreciation and understanding of the importance of education, especially secondary and higher education and vocational training, and highlighting the various opportunities within and outside Meghalaya.

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<td>An empirical study to assess migration amongst traditional fishing communities of Chilka Lagoon (Lake) in Odisha state (India).</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>My Gakidh Village – A Journey [MGV]</td>
<td>A review document on how the project improved the lives of underprivileged youth in Bhutan through alternate livelihoods.</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Module on ‘Digital Literacy’</td>
<td>A training module on digital literacy for underprivileged youths. It is available in 4 languages (English, Hindi, Tamil &amp; Kannada).</td>
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<td>iCode – Computer programming [Level 1]</td>
<td>A training module on basic principles of coding and computer science for underprivileged youths.</td>
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<td>Video Documentary on the project “Schooling &amp; Learning Improvement”</td>
<td>A documentary on improving Quality of Primary education and Early child care and education for the Baiga tribe (children) living in the buffer zone of Kanha Reserve Forest (Madhya Pradesh state, India).</td>
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<td>Booklet on the Teachers Resource Group (TRG)</td>
<td>A publication on effective &amp; innovative practices to enhance quality of education, developed by teachers who are members of the TRG (Network of teachers promoted by AEAI SA).</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Learning Steps of Language &amp; Mathematics</td>
<td>A tool enabling children (6 to 14 yrs) to develop age- &amp; class-appropriate competencies in 3R’s (Reading, Writing &amp; Arithmetic).</td>
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Finances in 2017:

Thanks to the support of Individual, Corporate and Institutional donors during the year 2017, we have been able to transform the lives of 750,000 people in India, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bhutan through 30 different projects.

Income and Expenditure for the calendar year 2017 (in INR)

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<td>Livelihood Education (Employability Training)</td>
<td>130,453,716</td>
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<td>Disaster Response / Management</td>
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<td>Migration</td>
<td>11,370,167</td>
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<td>4,405,161</td>
<td>4,687,478</td>
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<td>Social Mission (Operations, staff salaries)</td>
<td>43,227,455</td>
<td>43,501,940</td>
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<td>17,329,330</td>
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Organizational structure

AEAI - South Asia organogram

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- 7 members
- President of the Board:
  - Prof. Rajiva Wijesinha
- India Board:
  - 3 members
- President of the Board:
  - Sharad Chandra Behar

Regional Director:
- Ravi Pratap Singh

South Asia Management Team:
- 8 members
- Unit Directors:
  - 5 staff
- Regional Managers:
  - 4 staff
- Regional Staff:
  - 68 (Core)
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