

Contribution of Sarba Siksha Abhijan (SSA) In the District Of Karimganj

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1. KARIMGANJ DISTRICT: AN INTRODUCTION

The district Karimganj is located in the south tip of Assam - A State of the North-eastern corner of India. The District constituted the Barak Valley Zone in southern Assam along with two other neighboring districts Cachar and Hailakandi. The district, mostly surrounded by neighbouring country Bangladesh, has got a large international boarder.

Total area of the district is 1809 Sq. Km. with varied geographical features like agricultural lands, shallow wetlands, hilly terrains and forest. The geographical location of the district is between longitudes 92°15' and 92°35' East and latitudes 24°15' and 25°55' North.

Total population of the district is 1,21,7002 of which 620722 are males and 596280 are females (as per 2011 census). 79.72% of the total population is literate. The district is predominated by Bengali linguistic group. Approximately 36% of total area of the district is covered by agricultural lands, which is major economic sector of the district. More than 54 thousand hecters of the district is covered by forest i.e. about 30% of total land area is covered by forest.



1.1 Map of Karimganj District:



(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

1.2 EDUCATIONAL STANDING OF KARIMGNAJ DISTRICT: AT A GLANCE.

A brief profile of the educational standing of the Karimganj District, as on March 2010, is given below:

1.2.1 Children in the Age Group of 6-14 years

Total no. of Children	:	2, 92,104
Children enrolled in School	:	2, 91,050

1.2.2 Educational Institutions:

Lower Primary School (Govt. /Provincialised)	:	1,245
Upper Primary School (Govt. /Provincialised)	:	240
Upper Primary School (Grant-in-Aid)	:	101
Pre-Senior Madrassa	:	34
High School (Govt. /Provincialised)	:	40
High Madrassa	:	11
Higher Secondary (Govt. /Provincialised)	:	23
Central School	:	1
Navadaya Vidyalaya	:	1
College	:	10



(Source: *Unmeshan*, March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2. SSA AT KARIMGANJ DISTRICT:

SSA Karimganj is a sub-wing Assam Sarba Siksha Abhijan Mission (ASSA), which is an organization under the State Government striving for Universal Elementary Education (UEE) and realization of other avowed objectives of SSA. SSA Karimganj started its mission in the district of Karimganj on 12th March 2002 along with other thirteen (13) district of the state.

SSA Karimganj made its first move with the preliminary aim of ensuring primary education through “Aloker Yatra” programme which focused on establishing schools at specific distance, collecting data at various social & community levels, and time-bound and successful implementation of Universal Elementary Education programme. Besides, for proper collecting information of educational status of children of the district and to create awareness for primary education among the people as well as to ensure their participation in the entire process, SSA Karimganj has formed various Educational Committees and Centre.

The components of SSA Karimganj, in its present form i.e the session 2009-10, are outlined below:

2.1 Components of SSA:

Cluster	:	84
Village Education Committee (VEC)	:	956
Tea Garden Education Committee (TGEC)	:	47
Ward Education Committee (WEC)	:	31
Mother Group (MG)	:	1614
Education Guarantee Scheme (EGC)	:	185
Sanjogi Siksha Kendra (SSK)	:	124



Hard to Reach Centre (HTR)	:	39
Residential Bridge Course (RBC)	:	2
Upper Primary Bridge Course (UPBC)	:	50
Community Coaching programme (CCP)	:	100
Smart School	:	52
K-Yan School	:	02

(Source: *Unmeshan*, March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2.2 SSA KARIMGANJ: IT'S ACTIVITIES & CONTRIBUTIONS

Since its inception, SSA Karimganj has implemented comprehensive work plans for facilitating a holistic intervention in the schools. Besides, this it carried out the mission for quality education in all possible dimensions. SSA Karimganj has also played a vital role to train up the teachers both for LP & UP Schools. The major activities and achievements of SSA Karimganj, from its inception till completion of the year 2010, are discussed below:

2.2.1 Education Guarantee Scheme (EGS):

Education Guarantee Scheme is to provide school facility to the out of school children of Age Group 5-10 years. Its works in unserved habitation where there is no schooling facility within a radius of 1.5 km. SSA Karimganj facilitated the scheme from the session 2003-04; and the following table shows year wise implementation & status report of Education Guarantee Scheme by SSA Karimganj:

Table: 1

Year wise Status Report of EGS School in Karimganj District

Scheme	YEAR							
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Nos. of EGS Centre	—	56	142	168	233	210	185	185



Nos. of Siksha Karmi	—	56	149	224	294	327	276	276
Nos. of Children Covered	—	4113	6838	8589	13640	13992	12999	12999

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2.2.2 Sanjogi Siksha Kendra (SSK):

Sanjogi Siksha Kendra is a project of SSA in its march towards Universal Elementary Education. It aims to cover the out of school children of Age Group of 7-14 years in the served habitation of rural areas having five or more out of school children. Along with other districts of Assam, the project of SSK has been started in Karimganj t in the year 2005-06; and the project still continues. The following table shows year wise implementation & status report of the project by SSA Karimganj:

Table: 2

Year wise Status Report of SSK in Karimganj District

Scheme	YEAR							
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Nos. of SSK Centre	—	—	—	151	264	319	470	124
Nos. of Siksha Karmi	—	—	—	151	264	319	470	124
Nos. of Children Covered	—	—	—	4015	6791	8088	10981	2317

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2.2.3 Residential Bridge Course (RBC):

The scheme of Residential Bridge Course is meant to provide residential courses to children in the Age Group of 10-14 years. It targets particularly those



children who have to work or labour, and do not have the scope of going to schools. Two nos. of RBC centers have been opened by SSA Karimganj during the financial year 2008-09. Between these one is for boys while the other caters to girls. The year wise implementation & status report of Residential Bridge Course project by SSA Karimganj is illustrated through the below mentioned table:

Table: 3

Year wise Status Report of Residential Bridge Course in Karimganj District

Scheme	RBC Centre for	YEAR							
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Nos. of Siksha Karmi	Boys	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
	Girls	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Nos. of Children Covered	Boys	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100
	Girls	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	100

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2.2.4 Upper Primary Bridge Course (UPBC):

Upper Primary Bridge Course is an intervention for Out of School Children. It focuses on children, who belong to the Age Group 10-14 years and are deprived from Elementary Education from different category of schools. It was initiated in Karimganj District during the financial year 2008-09 along with RBC programme. The year wise implementation & status report of Upper Primary Bridge Course project by SSA Karimganj is reflected in the table below:



Table: 4**Year wise Status Report of UPBC in Karimganj District**

Scheme	YEAR							
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Nos. of UPBC Centre	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	21
Nos. of Siksha Karmi	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	21
Nos. of Children Covered	—	—	—	—	—	—	460	460

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2.2.5 Religious Madrassa Support:

Religious Madrassa Support is a system of alternative schooling brought forward by SSA. This kind of schooling facilitates education for the children who are enrolled only for religious education of different category and in those places where there is no general education. SSA Karimganj has identified the Madrassas that require alternative schooling and implemented this programme during the financial year 2008-09. To have updated information of the status of the programme in Karimganj District, we can look into the table put below:

Table: 5**Year wise Status Report of Religious Madrassa in Karimganj District**

Scheme	YEAR							
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Nos. of Identified Madrassa	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18
Nos. of Siksha Karmi	—	—	—	—	—	—	18	18

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)



2.2.6 Hard-to-Reach Centre (HTR):

Hard-to-Reach Centre is an intervention exclusively for urban areas. Under this intervention the Deprived Urban Children (DUC), mainly of slum areas (street children, child labours etc) in the age group of 6-14 years are covered. The aim is to reach the most deprived and disadvantageous children of urban areas to provide them social justice and education to meet the challenges of life. The HTR centre is also known as “Jyoti Kendra” in Assam. The contribution of SSA Karimganj in this respect is illustrated with the help of the following table:

Table: 6

Year wise Status Report of HTR centre in Karimganj District

Scheme	YEAR							
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Nos. of HTR Centre	Survey	1	31	31	31	40	39	39
Nos. of Siksha Karmi	—	1	31	31	31	56	55	55
Nos. of Children Covered	—	27	890	890	725	866	823	858

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

2.2.7 Child with Special Need (CSWN):

Child with Special Need is a programme to ensure that every child with special needs irrespective of kind, category, degree of physical challenge is provided with education in an integrated environment. It tries to provide support and care to the physically challenged children enrolled in primary school as well as to chart out plans and strategies to meet their special requirements. SSA Karimganj takes this into concern from the financial year 2003-04; and the



subsequent development in this regard (year wise) is shown in the following table:

Table: 4

Year wise Status Report of CWSN in Karimganj District

CWSN Status	YEAR							
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
Total CWSN Identified	—	2310	2235	2235	4443	4480	4596	4596
Total Students Enrolled	—	810	1240	1710	2620	3120	3410	3410
Total CWSN covered	—	2045	1948	1948	3862	4029	4129	4129
Resource Teachers Engaged	—	1	3	6	6	6	8	8

(Source: SSA/MIS-Data/March 2010, SSA Karimganj)

3. CONCLUSION:

The data presented above infers to believe that SSA has contributed a great deal for realization of UEE at Karimganj district. It has implemented various projects to supplement education of children belonging to different categories and age groups. Apart from the above mentioned activities and achievements, SSA has conducted significant numbers of training programmes for teachers of both primary and upper primary schools, organized various camps and competitions for children, participated in various State and National Level programmes. Moreover, it published souvenirs pertaining to its activities and operations at regular intervals, as well as upgraded itself extensively for providing better service to the district and its people.

SSA Karimganj, of course, has not been able to reach its avowed goal of attaining universal education at the elementary level, as the educational standing



of the district in the year 2010 (as per MIS data 2010) clearly reflect that a total of 1054 out of 2, 92,104 numbers of identified children between the age group of 6-14 years are yet to be enrolled in schools. However, this sum is quite negligible when compared with that of the benefitted group. Moreover, SSA Karimganj and its various components are still working, from 1st April'2010 under the supervision of Rastriya Siksha Mission Abhijan (RMSA), to accomplish the unfinished mission set by it as well as to protect Rights of Children to Free and Compulsory Education.



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