

## Here comes the boat to rescue the flood hit



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A boat in deed saved hopes of hundreds of people floating in the flood hit Dhemaji district. The boat that housed a clinic was the ample aid to save them as the water [level](#) of the mighty [Brahmaputra](#) suddenly disrupted the quietness of the sandbars. The people there had hardly way at hand to escape the wrath of the riverwaters.

Run by Centre for [North East](#) Studies and Policy Research (CNES), the Boat Clinic that keeps the hopes sailing silently came to their rescue with relentless help from a Jonai based organization and the district administration.

Acting on a slew of a slew of suggestions, a [ten](#) member team left for the sandbars much to the respite of many people who were remaining trapped in the flood wave.

During the operation, the boat clinic saved the lives of 518 people in Badalpur Barman, Kangkan, Lamba Mishing, Lamba Millon, Apsara and Chengajan Koibatra sandbars.

As it reached Majorbari Ghat at 5.30 in the evening, the [rescued](#) people were shifted to Somkong high School for further care.

During the first wave of flood in Lakhimpur district the boat clinic in close association with District conducted health cum relief camps in [worse](#) affected areas and treated 1904 patients in 23 camps.

Apart from regular scheduled health camps, [C-NES](#) Boat Clinics involved in emergency situations such as rescue operation, relief distribution, treatment and extending cooperation to the administration to help the needy people in the sandbars if need be.

As many as 15 Boat Clinic units put in their best efforts while providing health care services to the marooned people in the sandbars.

Many units were unable to provide services immediately during floods especially in Upper Assam as the [Brahmaputra](#) was more turbulent.

Post floods is very crucial as diseases become more prevalent especially water borne diseases. All units have been continuously provided health care services, tirelessly, till date.

Through its regular awareness generation programmes, the boat Clinic teams always stress preventive measures to be taken for protection against communicable or non communicable diseases.

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