

FINAL REPORT ON THE PROJECT

“Emergency COVID-19 Feeding of the poorest families of migrant workers in Chennai, Trichy, Kolar and Bangalore”



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Brothers of the Sacred Heart

ANGELO PROVINCE & PRAKRIYE

Through

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FACT SHEET

a) Donor name:	Eagle Foundation
b) Name of Charity and Project:	The Sacred Heart Brothers, Prakriye & Angelo Province Society
c) Foundation Eagle reference number,	FF 550
d) Date of grant accepted:	17/07/2020
e) Amount:	CHF 11,230 (INR. 8,86,836)
f) Name and exact location of the project:	PRAKRIYE – Kolar, Karnataka Angelo Province Society, Tiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu
Country	<i>India</i>
State	<i>Tamil Nadu & Karnataka</i>
District	<i>Tiruchy, Pudukottai & Kolar & Bengaluru</i>
Exact Location	
g) Period of Project:	Three Months (June to August 2020)
h) Conversion rate, date & amount in local currency:	Exchange Rate: 1 CHF = 78.97 Date: 17/07/2020
i) Detailed budgets and actual expenditure comparison:	

Detailed Budget	Proposed Budget	Actual Expenditure
Supply of Dry Ration Kit: Rice, Dhal, Pulses (2), Spices, Edible Oil etc	502200	500000
Face masks, sanitizers/soaps	28800	30000
Nutritional Supplements: Millet snacks, Health Mix, Biscuits etc	45000	44000
Working Capital Assistance for livelihood support	300000	300000
Travel, banner, food and logistics for volunteers and staffs engaged in relief work		22000
Total in INR	8,76,000	896000

j) Over spent:	INR 20,000
The Brothers also, donated a cash contribution of INR.15,000 to 50 physically challenged adults for meeting out their personal needs (INR.300 to each of the 50 beneficiaries)	
k) Details of progress of the project, achievements, challenges, changes, differences etc, including photographs.	

Progress of the Project:

The Sacred Heart Brothers headed by Br.Victordass, SHJ, evolved the DIP (Detailed Implementation Plan) for executing the relief works. A Five-member Team of Brothers and Volunteers served as the Relief Committee. The Committee met and discussed in detail the implementing strategies. Following decisions were made:

Mode of Distribution:

It was decided to make in-kind distribution of relief assistance instead of cash donation which might be taken away by the men in the family. So, the Relief Committee made orders for a Bulk Purchase and then with the support of the local volunteers, the items to be distributed were packed in to a single bag for easy and safe distribution. 20 items including rice, groceries, spices, edible oil and vegetables formed the Dry Ration Kit.

The Brothers distributed dry ration kits to 440 families and the details are as follows:

Vulnerability	Coverage / Quantity	Region	Nature of Assistance
Distribution of Dry Ration Kits			
Migrants who returned back home to Bengaluru and Kolar Regions amidst COVID Lock-down	240	Kolar and Bengaluru Districts, Karnataka	Relief Assistance
Poor farmers and daily wage labourers	82	Pudukottai District in Tamil Nadu	Relief Assistance
Transgender Adults who have lost their income avenues	118	Bengaluru, Karnataka	Relief Assistance
<i>Sub Total – Dry ration kit</i>	<i>440</i>		
Rehabilitation / Livelihood Support			
Visually impaired	69	Edamalaipatty, Trichy, Tamil Nadu	Rehabilitation
Physically Challenged, HIV/AIDS	131	Tiruchy city and	Rehabilitation

infected and Mentally ill		Sub-urban areas	
Children of poorest families affected by COVID 19	440	Kolar, Bengaluru, Trichy and Pudukottai Districts of Tamilnadu and Karnataka	Nutritional Support supplements /

The volunteers and staffs of the Sacred Heart Brothers organized the distribution event in each location. The target groups / communities were earlier identified by the volunteers' team and approved by the Relief Committee. The local community leaders and youth were engaged in the process of identification and distribution.

The Relief Committee obtained signatures from the beneficiaries as an authentication and proof of receipt of the relief kit. In addition, photo documentation was also done on all distribution events. Following were the details of relief materials distributed:

		APPROVED	ACTUAL	APPROVED	ACTUAL
S.No	Items	Unit particulars	Unit	No of units / Beneficiaries	No Units / Beneficiaries
A	Relief Kit				
1	Rice -	10 KGs	10 KGs	360	440
2	Wheat Flour / Atta	2 KG	1 KG	360	440
3	Rava (Broken Wheat)	2 KG	1 KG	360	440
4	Toor Dal	2 KG	1 KG	360	440
5	Moong Dal (Black gram)	2 KG	1 KG	360	440
6	Oil	S/F 2L PKT	S/F 1L PKT	360	440
7	Salt	1KG PKT	1KG PKT	360	440
8	Turmeric powder in grams	200gms PKT	200gms PKT	360	440
9	Cumin powder in grams	100gms PKT	100gms PKT	360	440
10	Coriander powder in grams	200gms PKT	200gms PKT	360	440
11	Chilly powder in grams	200gms PKT	200gms PKT	360	440
12	Transportation		0	0	600

13	Face Masks	Set of 4 numbers		360	440
14	Nutrition: Millet snacks & Biscuits	a set of 4 pockets		360	440
B	Rehabilitation Package				
15	Working Capital Assistance for procuring raw materials for selling stationery items, incense and other household articles	Pack of Household goods	-	200	200

Distribution of Face Masks: With the noble intention of preventing new infections and protecting the vulnerable communities against the COVID 19, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart arranged for the distribution of face masks. Since there was a short supply of face masks in the market, the Brothers arranged for stitching of washable and reusable face masks made of cotton cloth.

For this purpose, the Brothers identified young women and girls who learnt sewing training. They were contacted and placed orders for stitching face masks which were available at an affordable cost. Each face mask ranged between Rs.10 to 15 depending upon the quality of cloth. The girls were trained in stitching the face masks. A girl used to make around 40 to 50 masks in a single day. They used to get around Rs.300 to 400 per day as labour charge.

The Brothers so far distributed 4,000 face masks. They also distributed face masks to the Government line departments such as Health Department and Block Development Offices which in turn distributed the same to the common people and workers of government health care centres.

IEC Materials on COVID 19 Awareness: The Relief Committee prepared awareness information in the form of a Hand Bill and printed it in a two-sided paper. 5000 copies were printed and circulated among the high- risk people in urban and rural areas. In particular, the migrant population were distributed with the handbills. Volunteers were engaged in this process.

Achievements:

- ✓ Altogether, 3539 vulnerable population were able to mitigate the impact of COVID 19 and the containment measures including the world's largest lock-down.

- ✓ The migrant labourers and their families were enabled to eliminate hunger and starvation and ensure food security for at least 10 to 15 days depending upon the family size.
- ✓ Around 440 children were able to access nutrition and balanced diet for around two weeks. It helped them enhance their immunity and protect them against COVID 19.
- ✓ Vulnerable people like visually impaired, physically challenged and mentally ill people and their families were able to secure food and nutrition and eliminate extreme poverty that resulted in hunger and starvation.
- ✓ Hundreds of migrant workers and their families were able to withstand the impact of COVID 19 and manage to run their families without much difficulty for nearly two weeks.
- ✓ The widows and destitute and the senior citizens were able to access nutritious food.
- ✓ The migrants and other vulnerable families received proper orientation and information to protect themselves against the pandemic COVID 19. The IEC materials were read and shared with the family members. They were mostly protected against the pandemic COVID 19.

Challenges: The Brothers faced many challenges in executing the project line items. Some of the major issues were as follows:

- ☒ Since the Brothers did not include logistical expenses in the budget, transportation, food and refreshment cost became an additional burden during the pandemic.
- ☒ Accessibility of the working area and mobility of the staffs and volunteers during the lock-down period was a major challenge. The team was halted in many places and it took time to reach distant areas.
- ☒ Knowing that we were going to distribute relief measures, our vehicle was stopped and the local people demanded to off-load the relief packages and distribute the same to them. Then we had to take the help of the Police and local PRI leaders.
- ☒ Since migrants did not have a permanent residence, it was difficult to work with them. Some families have been moving from one place to the other though nearby. During the process of distribution, new families were found and it was a Herculean task to convince them of the limited relief packages. They started shouting and crying in few places. Hence, the Brothers linked them with a few religious congregations engaged in relief assistance.
- ☒ As the demand and supply of basic commodities widened, the traders / shop keepers increased the price of the essential commodities. It impacted our budget. However, the Brothers negotiated with the sellers and successfully managed to get the quoted prices.

Changes:

- ☐ As a result of our orientation and motivation, the people who did not care of protective and preventive measures, started wearing face masks, using sanitizers and washing their hands with soaps often.
- ☐ The children, the aged, the physically and mentally challenged were provided protection and food security for at least 15 to 20 days.
- ☐ 200 Physically challenged and mild retarded people were able to stand on their legs by engaging in small business activities such as marketing of household goods / essentials such as educational supplies, needles, scents, toys etc.
- ☐ With increased awareness and protective measures, some of the migrant families started resuming their occupations / employment gradually using social distancing and masks.

Differences: Nil

PHOTOS:









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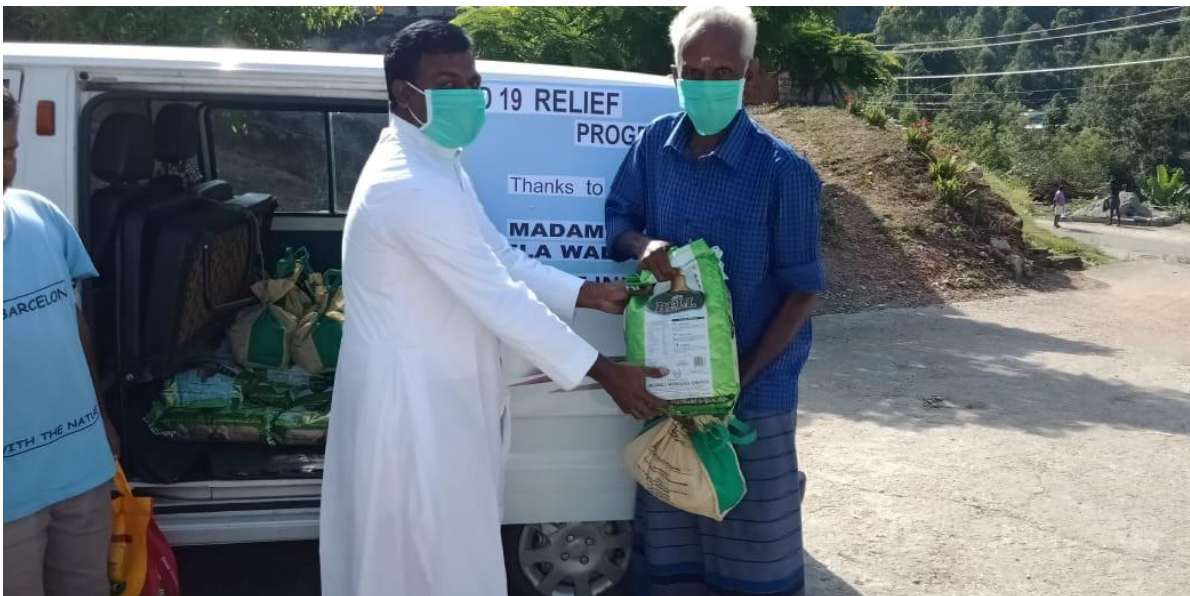
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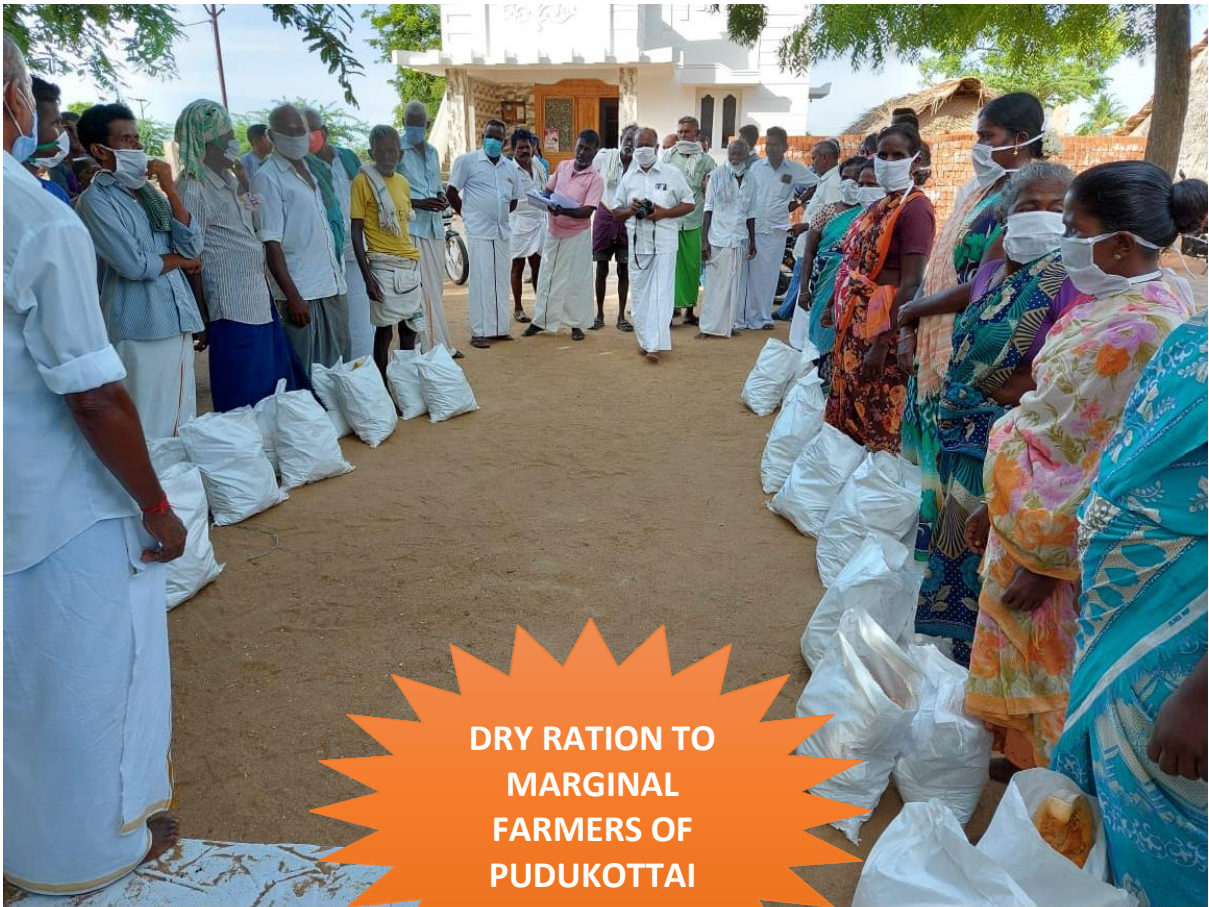




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RELIEF TO POOR CATHOLIC FAMILIES WHO ARE DOESTIC WORKERS
AND DAILY WAGE LABOURERS.







**RELIEF KIT TO
SCAVENGERS OF
KOTTAPATTU**





RELIEF PACKAGES READY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE SEMI-MIGRANT TRIBE OF GYPSIES OF VANDAYAMPATTI IN PUDUKOTTAI DISTRICT.



**DISTRIBUTION
OF RELIEF TO
GYPSIES**









**Br.Arockiam,
Br.Sahayam &
Br.Babu deliver the
Relief Kit to the
Door Steps of the
Visually impaired**







THE RURAL MASS WERE DISTRIBUTED WITH FACE MASKS FOR PROTECTING THEMSELVES AGAINST COVID 19 PANDEMIC







DISTRIBUTION OF IEC / AWARENESS MATERIALS ON COVID 19 PANDEMIC



DISTRIBUTION OF MILLET SNACKS:

SWEET PIE, MIXTURE, NUTRITION BALLS AND HEALTH MIX



MILLET
SNACKS
TO
CHILDREN



**DISTRIBUTION OF LIVELIHOOD ASSISTANCE TO
PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED**



















Hearty Thanks:

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We also thank Ms.Pamela Walsh, **Friends of India (FOI)** for helping us build relationship and partnership with the Eagle Foundation in favour of the poorest of the poor migrants, physically and mentally challenged, visually impaired and other vulnerable people, especially, women and children.

We shall ever remain grateful to the people of Switzerland for their generous gesture and solidarity during the pandemic period. We assure all of you our prayers and best wishes for a happy and healthy life!

Sincerely,

Br.Victordass