

COVID 19 Relief and Restoration Program

Three Months Report

22nd March to 22nd June 2020

At a Glance

Communities served:

- Migrant Workers
- Refugees
- Teachers of Private Schools
- Service Providers
- Small Businesses
- Destitute Local Families.

People Reached:

- Cooked Meals provided - **72,000** persons
 - Ration / Cash Support - **15,000** persons
(Kits for a month)
 - Teachers & Service Providers- **403**
 - Petty Business Persons- **86**
- Migrant Workers** (and their families)
Directly benefited: **10,000** persons
Indirectly benefitted: **3,50,000** persons
- Expenditure: 64 Lakhs (Rupees)**
(As on 22nd June 2020)

Brief Report

1. Two Innovative Initiatives

a) Support for Private School Teachers:

Recognizing the problems being faced by teachers of private schools who have not received their salaries since March 2020 and may not receive till August, COVA started a program to provide Rs. 10,000 to teachers as part of their salary that will also enable 2 students to study free for a year as per the agreement with the school managements. So, apart from saving school teachers from starvation and help them to live with dignity till they receive their salaries, this program will also help in preventing dropout of students that is expected to be at least 15% in the coming year due to the current economic meltdown.

A Win-Win arrangement for Teachers, Students, Management and Society!

Taking note of similar problems being faced by service providers like office assistants, sales executives, and technicians engaged in computer, mobile and other repairs COVA provided support to 27 of its volunteers and service providers.

In all, COVA has supported 403 teachers and service providers in different ways and is working to support 1000 teachers that will help prevent 2000 students from dropping out.

b) Restoration of Small Businesses



Most people engaged in small businesses like selling vegetables, fruits, tea etc. had lost their working capitals during the Lockdown and now have no means to restart their businesses. Immediately with the easing of the Lockdown, COVA launched a program from 7th June 2020 to provide working capital to help restore small businesses. Grants of Rs. 2000 to 5000 were provided to 26 persons and rickshaws of 70 scrap collectors are being repaired at an average cost of Rs. 2500. This will help the beneficiaries of this program to start earning Rs.400 to Rs. 500 daily and thereby support themselves and their families for years to come.

COVA seeks your generous donations to help restore at least 1000 small businesses.

2. Success in Advocacy for Migrant

Workers

On COVA's representation, the Government of Telangana announced free rations and cash of Rs. 500 to Migrant Workers through the Public Distribution System on the basis of their Aadhar Cards that have addresses of their native states. Over 3.5 Lakh migrant workers are benefitting from this scheme.

3. Cooked Food

COVA provided lunch and dinner to 1000 migrant workers and their families at Gagan Pahad and 50 migrant workers at Jalpally for 21 days till they received rations from the government. From 1st May to 31st June 2020 COVA started a Community Kitchen in collaboration with Surge Impact Foundation to provide cooked food twice a day to 500 migrant workers and their families to help them to fast with ease during the month of Ramazan at Kishanbagh, Hyderabad.



4. Ration Kits

COVA provided 2500 kits with a month's ration migrants, teachers of private schools, destitute families and Refugees from 6 countries viz. Myanmar, Sudan, South Sudan, Afghanistan, Syria and Somalia.

5. Enumeration of Migrant Workers

COVA has enumerated 10,000 persons from 4000 families of migrants workers in Gagan Pahad, Katedan and Kishanbagh areas and facilitated them to get cooked food and rations from the Public Distribution System.

Our Partners:

Action Aid, Azim Premji Philanthropy Initiatives, DAANA, Feed My Hyderabad, Healing Fields Foundation, KVN Foundations, NASIM Foundation, Prajwala, The Ramakrishna Foundation, T-Social Impact Group and many generous donors who have contributed beyond our expectations and inspired us to work with full zeal and dedication.

About COVA

COVA (Confederation of Voluntary Associations), is a national network of voluntary organisations working for social harmony and community empowerment in India and peace in South Asia. Members and partners of COVA comprise of community groups working at grassroots to national and international organisations and networks undertaking advocacy and policy interventions. COVA is also engaged with multilateral bodies like the UNHCR for work with Refugees, G20, BRICS, OIC and others for structural transformations of the world order to make society more equitable, sustainable, just and peaceful