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Relief Work during Lockdown



Presently our nation and the entire world are going through the epidemic created by corona virus. I hope, all must be staying at their homes as per the lockdown call given by our Prime Minister. I hope and pray for everyone's safety. I express heartfelt gratitude towards the doctors, nurses, Ambulance drivers, police, administrative authorities and medical staff in the hospitals who are tirelessly working to provide citizens with essential services. I greatly appreciate their selfless services for the cause of humanity at the risk of their own lives.

I would like to appraise that the workers of Vanvasi Kayan Ashram have kept the track of the situation especially in and around far flung Janjati villages. They all are collecting important and necessary information contacting from such villagers over the mobile phone. I would also like to state that we have planned to appoint our workers at Tahsil (block), district, and regional levels to collect much needed information and to assist the government agencies in countering threat of the covid-19 pandemic. Our workers are apprising the government authorities of the inconvenience and hardships faced by the people residing in villages. Along with helping the government agencies in the relief work, our workers have undertaken some praiseworthy relief initiatives on their own as well. I am sharing such efforts in short:



1. The Vanvasi Kalyan Parishad Rajasthan has made its student hostel in Kotra a relief centre and has been helping people in need. So far 23 quintals of green vegetables have been distributed to the villagers. Our hostel and school buildings in Kotra and Pindwada have been converted into quarantine centers by the Government for the villagers. This initiative has provided a great help for the local people.



2. In the Shahpur Tahsil of Kalyan district (Konkan region) of Maharashtra, 88 needy families of 15 villages belonging to the Katkari Primitive tribe have been distributed a packet of 5kg rice, 1kg dal, 1ltr edible oil, salt and soaps to each family as immediate relief. The same plan would be executed in Raigad and Palghar districts of the Konkan region of Maharashtra soon.



Similarly relief packets have been distributed to 35 Kolam primitive tribal families of Kinawad district of Maharashtra.



3. We run a hostel for students in the Thiruvanthapuram district of Kerala. Utilizing the facilities of the infrastructure, our workers have created a relief centre over there. So far they have distributed food grain kits to 15 families. At the same, they have been preparing sanitizer liquid to be given to people. They have also distributed 200 face masks to tribal villagers with the help of forest officials of the area.



4. Food items have been distributed to 54 families of Irla Janjati community of the Thiruvallur district of Tamil Nadu. Our workers have planned to distribute food items in 15 more such Janjati villages.



5. Our activists have distributed face masks to the tribal villagers in the Malharpur village of Birbhum district of the West Bengal.



6. VKA workers distributed face masks and food in Kathmandu, Nepal.



7. 300 tribal families in the Tharu tribal area of Uttarakhand are being provided with cooked food from Sitarganj student hostel run by VKA to mitigate the difficulties due to lockdown.



8. The Seva Samrpan Sansthan has been running a primary thermal-screening center to test COVID-19 in the far flung tribal areas of Sonbhadra District in Uttar Pradesh. So far 22 people in Shish Tola and 40 people at Asandih centre have examined for the disease.



9. 1000 families of Chanchu and Beda tribes from 9 villages have been given 10kg Rice, 2kg Dal, 1.5ltr cooking oil, face masks, sanitizers etc each in the Yadgiri District of Karnataka. The same commodities have been distributed to 500 families of 4 villages belonging to Meda and Beda Janjati in the Raichur district and 400 families from 6 villages belonging to Soliga and Jenukurba primitive tribe in the Chamraj district. Similarly, needy people from other districts would also be identified and would be helped soon.

10. Urban units of VKA in Delhi, Hissar (Haryana) too have been tirelessly working to distribute food packets and other relief measures

11. Such service activities will be conducted as per need of the hour. We hereby appeal to all the well-wishers to contribute in such initiatives. Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram has provided facility of direct donation transfer on account through payment gateway on our website www.kalyanashram.org . Donor will receive the receipt by email & speed post.

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