



NIRMAAN ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

The onset of the financial year 2019-2020 witnessed an unusual phase of national lockdown. The country is battling the global pandemic COVID-19 and the situation demands attention and planned action to combat the existing crucial scenario.

There is a huge need to initiate action on two fronts-Medical and Community. Our health care staff are facing severe shortage in vital critical care equipment which will impede in this war against COVID-19. On the economic front, as the country grapples with the national lockdown, the daily wage workers who comprise of almost 80% of India's workforce are the worst hit. They are losing their means of livelihoods as the employers have shut operations for indefinite time. If we don't provide a safety net now, every one of them, their children and other dependents are in danger of falling below the poverty line. The Govt. has announced a relief package of Rs. 1.70 lakh crore to help the nation's poor.

Nirmaan understands its responsibilities in this crisis situation and intends to extend its services to the community at large. We have been coordinating with the Govt. of Telangana to understand the immediate needs of the government to counter and control this situation.

We have launched the campaign '**Operation Sahaaya-4.0**' in response to COVID-19.

Vision

To provide relief and rehabilitation support for those affected by covid-19 pandemic

Mission

- Support govt hospitals with equipment and manpower
- Support community by providing accurate, authentic information from reliable sources
- Support community to meet its daily basic and safety needs

Under the campaign 'Operation Sahaaya- 4.0: Response to COVID-19', Nirmaan with the support of its CSR partners and individual donors has raised relief fund worth Rs. 1.91 crores.

Our SIX- POINT ACTION PLAN for optimum utilization of funds

- ✚ Ration & Hygiene Kits for Daily Wage Workers
- ✚ Protection Kits for Healthcare & Anganwadi Workers
- ✚ Isolation Facilities in Govt. Hospitals
- ✚ Ventilators for Govt. Hospitals
- ✚ COVID-19 Distress Helpline
- ✚ Economic Resilience: Masks making project by Women

RATION & HYGIENE KITS DISTRIBUTION IN BANGALORE, PUNE & HYDERABAD

Our teams in Bangalore, Pune and Hyderabad distributed Ration & Hygiene Kits to the needy.

Ration & Hygiene Kits Distribution (Bangalore Chapter)

Under our 'Operation Sahaaya- 4.0: Response to COVID-19', we started planning on 1st April 2020 to make a survey to gauge community needs in the Veerenahalli Community, Bangalore.

We approached the school teachers, the local community heads, social workers and in collaboration with them, came up with a list of families that need immediate support (includes migrants without ration cards also who cannot go to work because of the lockdown due to COVID-19).

In the first phase, we planned to cater 100 families in need. We listed 60 families who need immediate support.

Meanwhile, we started raising funds. In 3 days, we could manage to raise funds for the 60 families. Eventually, we placed an order for the 'Ration kits' and distributed it to the families in need.

We had few volunteers supporting us, Sagar Surangalikar, Akshatha Prabhu, Meenu Singh and Prajna M. The school staff, Pavitra and Prashanth, and the local community members Varalaxmi, Madhu and Manoj also joined hands as they helped us in loading, unloading, listing, distributing and other miscellaneous works.

The families felt immensely happy to receive the ration kits and they thanked Nirmaan team for extending a helping hand in this crisis scenario.

"You guys did a great job, I heartily congratulate you. You have a bright future. God bless you" Says Pavitra (School staff)

Beneficiary talks:

"We sometimes have to skip food because we don't have enough. My granddaughter and I stay here. Your kind gesture would help us to have our daily meals", says Renukamma.

" I am the Breadwinner of my family and I have 2 kids to take care of. I am a single parent. Since, I can't go to work now, I was worried about the daily meal. Thanks to your organization for solving our problem", says Ramadevi.



Nirmaan (Bangalore Team) handing over Ration & Hygiene Kit to the needy

Ration & Hygiene Kits Distribution (Pune Chapter)

Maharashtra is one of the majorly affected areas in India by COVID-19 and hence, Nirmaan decided to cater basic needs of the underprivileged in various communities in Pune to help them tide over the lockdown period.

Nirmaan Pune team, Ms Rajashree Bhosale, Ms Shrikant Lalita and Ms Pratibha Bansode approached the Local NGO, community leaders, social activists and volunteers to carry out the need assessment in various areas in Pune to identify the target beneficiaries.

With the help of a local NGO, Kashtakari Panchayat, who works for the 'Ragpickers' and other community leaders 150 families were identified, who are underprivileged and do odd jobs (rag pickers, daily wage workers, etc) for earning their livelihoods. Due to the ongoing lockdown, they aren't able to go to work.

With the help of local vendors, 'Ration & Hygiene kits' were prepared and distributed among 150 families in Wadar Wadi, Patil Estate, Hadapsar and Anudh areas. The beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude towards Nirmaan. Nirmaan thanks Ms Aditi Dikrey & Ms Maitreyi Shankar, Kashtakari panchayat and the community leaders, Mr Jitendra Faphale, Mr Shankar Dongre, Mr Ashok Kamble and Mr Prabhu Donagare for extending their support in carrying out the activity.



Beneficiaries with Ration & Hygiene Kits in Pune, Maharashtra

Nirmaan has been awarded a '**Letter of Appreciation**' by Kashtakari Panchayat for carrying out this initiative.



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To

Ms. Rajshree Bhosale

Nirmaan

Date: 20.04.2020

Dear Ms. Bhosale,

We at Kashtakari Panchayat express our heartfelt gratitude to Nirmaan and ADP cooperate for the donation of 50 ration kits to our waste pickers. During this extremely challenging time your donation is much appreciated as it will go a long way in helping waste pickers tide over the period of the lockdown.

We hope to receive your support in our future endeavours as well.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

For Kashtakari Panchayat

Lakshmi Narayanan

Ration & Hygiene Kits Distribution (Hyderabad Chapter)

A total of 218 'Ration & Hygiene Kits' were distributed among the needy hailing from various communities in Hyderabad. The kits were sponsored by our CSR Partner ADP India Pvt. Ltd.

The kits were distributed in the Nirmaan Vocational Training Centers (VTC) at Fatehnagar, Addagutta & Borabanda, Hyderabad.

Need assessment of the beneficiaries at Nirmaan VTC, Addagutta was done by Ms. Bhagya (Slum level federation resource person) alongwith the center team, wherein 55 families were identified.

The families identified are majorly migrants from other states and those who don't hold ration cards and thus unable to get benefited under govt schemes during lockdown. They stay in Manger Basti (slums) and Mondibanda nagar in Addagutta. The beneficiaries felt happy upon receiving the kits.



Ration & Hygiene Kit Distribution at Nirmaan Vocational Training Center,
Addagutta, Hyderabad

The beneficiaries who were from Indiragandhipuram, Shivshankar Colony, LB Nagar, Pittalabasti, Pipeline, Ferozguda, Jinkalwada, Balkampet, Sanath Nagar, Netaji Nagar, Raju Colony were given the kits at Nirmaan VTC, Fateh nagar.

The need assessment was carried out by the Fateh nagar center staff and SHG Leader, Ms Anitha. All the 108 beneficiaries belong to Below Poverty Line and are mostly widows and abandoned women by their families with little to no support during the COVID-19 crisis. Community volunteers, Mr. Qutubuddin, Mr. Sai, and Mr. Umesh helped the Fateh nagar team in packaging and distribution of kits.



Ration & Hygiene Kit Distribution at Nirmaan Vocational Training Center, Fatehnagar, Hyderabad

53 kits were distributed at Nirmaan VTC, Borabanda. Among the 53 beneficiaries, 11 are the trainees at the center hailing from very poor families and the rest are migrants and underprivileged. The beneficiaries belong to Allapur, Mothinagar, Karmika Nagar, Rahamath Nagar, Site-3, Rajeev Gandhi nagar, Kalyan nagar, Yousufguda, Krishnanagar and Borabanda. Mr Govardhan (volunteer) and Ms Madhavi & Ms Eeshwari (trainees at the center) helped the center staff in packaging and distributing kits.

Ms. Anitha (beneficiary) says, "My husband is a car driver and we have three kids. Due to lockdown, my husband doesn't have enough earnings to feed our children. Thank You Nirmaan and ADP for helping us with Ration & Hygiene Kit."



Ration & Hygiene Kit Distribution at Nirmaan Vocational Training Center,
Borabanda, Hyderabad

Protection Kits for Healthcare & Anganwadi Workers

Infosys & Nirmaan have partnered to support Anganwadi Workers.

Sri Raghu Boddupally, Head of Infosys Hyderabad DC, interacted with Smt Divya Devarajan, IAS, Secretary/Commissioner, Women & Child Welfare, Govt of Telangana over various needs of COVID situation.

We were handed over a consignment of facial masks for 4500 Anganwadi workers across Hyderabad, Kothagudem & Adilabad districts of Telangana. Over 400 Infosys employees gave donations. These masks are manufactured by prisoners of Telangana Prisons department.

Team Nirmaan powered this initiative.



Smt Divya Devarajan, IAS, Secretary/Commissioner, Women & Child Welfare, Govt of Telangana, Sri Raghu Boddupally, Head of Infosys Hyderabad DC and Team Nirmaan in talks for Mask Making to support Anganwadi Workers

Economic Resilience: Mask(s) making project by Women

The trainees who have been undergoing Tailoring course at various Nirmaan Vocational Training centers are engaged in mask making. The masks stitched by these trainees are aimed to be donated to the Anganwadi Workers.

The trainees indulged in mask making hail from underprivileged families, wherein their husbands do odd jobs to earn livelihood. During this lockdown, they do not have a stable source of income and are struggling even to arrange meals for the day.

Nirmaan, identified the need and engaged the women in mask making activities, thus financially assisting the families in need.



Women trainees at Nirmaan Vocational Training Center engaged in mask making activity



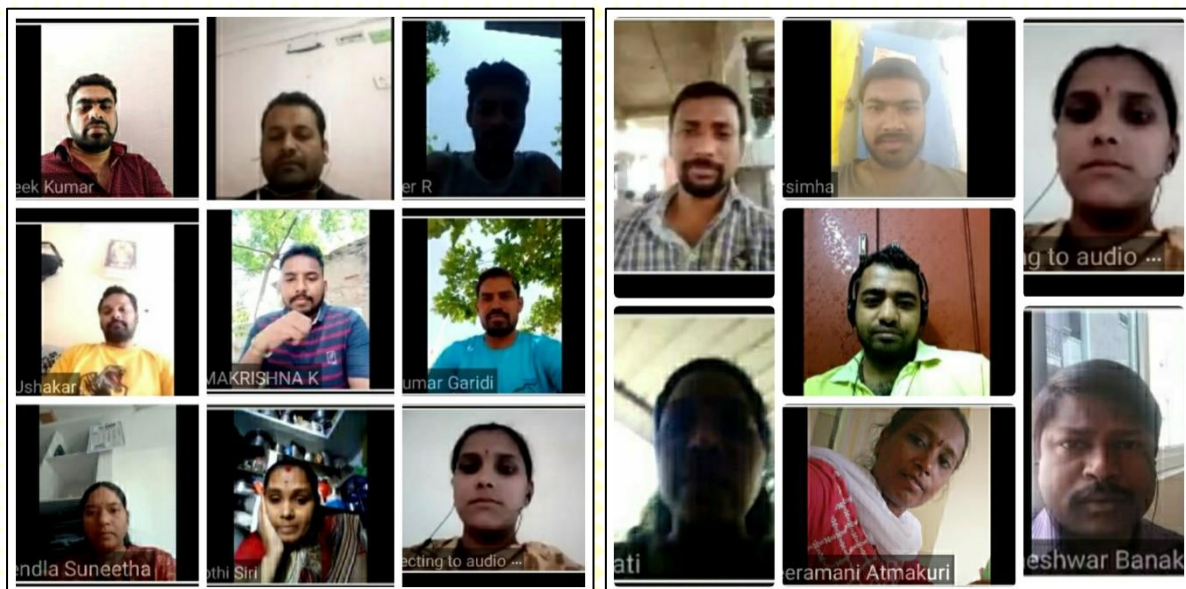
Masks made by trainees at display

Trainees showcasing self-made masks

Building Capacities

Amidst lockdown, during the global pandemic, COVID-19, Nirmaan has taken an initiative to empower its employees with 'Self- grooming sessions'. 25 participants from various departments are taking up online 'Communications and Soft Skills' sessions for 2 hours every day. The sessions are facilitated by one of our in- house facilitators.

"The sessions are highly informative and is helping me learn new things and improve upon my communications", says Ms Jyothi, one of the participants.



Nirmaan Employees participating in Online 'Communication & Soft Skills' session

REDUCE YOUR RISK OF COVID-19 INFECTION



WASH HANDS

Wash your hands with soap or use a hand sanitiser



COVER A COUGH OR SNEEZE

Cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeves or tissues. Dispose the tissue and wash hands afterwards



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Keep a distance of around 1 meter away from others in public



STAY AT HOME

Always stay home unless you have an important reason to leave the house

TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE, YOU COULD REFER, VOLUNTEER OR DONATE, as detailed below:

REFER: <https://forms.gle/uvq3BDyW8UDVQQeJ6>

- a) An individual or an organization who is in need and may get benefited by our interventions.
- b) An individual or an organization who could contribute and help us in carrying out our interventions.

VOLUNTEER: <https://forms.gle/XRtgdEJE5Cn5SA4Z9>

DONATE: <https://nirmaan.org/donation.html>

Operation Sahaaya-4.0: Response to COVID- 19
Appeal for Support:

To Donate: www.nirmaan.org/donation.html
To Volunteer: www.nirmaan.org/volunteer.html

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