



RAYS OF HOPE



**HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
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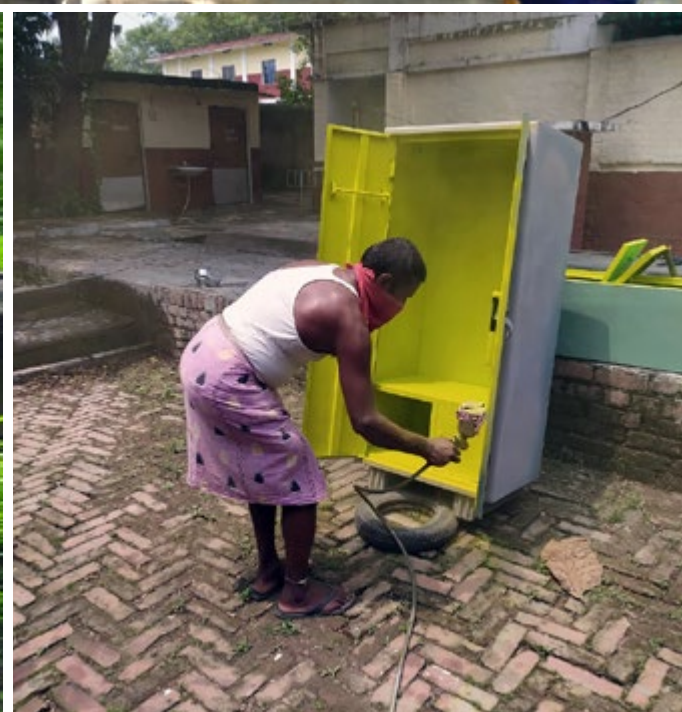
Our bijoux

It's now over 20 years old, the only remaining mud-block building which still stands, situated in the extended KIRAN Village. It was built in the year 1998. But some cracks in the wall showed that it was time to do some major repairs.

So we are happy to engage several workers who otherwise, in this lockdown situation due to COVID-19, would have no work and thus no daily income.

Now we really look forward to seeing a renewed bijoux of our KIRAN village. It is situated just beside the river Ganges, with a beautiful garden around, makes it to be such a precious place, and the sound of the bells from the Shiva temple nearby give it a special atmosphere of peace every morning!







Helping hand

Education is a right for every child. Children with cognitive impairments have very few opportunities of learning because of a lack of adequate learning facilities and adaptive curriculums.

KIRAN is constantly trying to fill the void by untiring effort to build barrier free environment and flexible curriculums to give best possible opportunities to the children with cognitive impairments.

In order to give better opportunities the KIRAN team is in process of improving the existing educational facilities which will give these children a better and barrier free environment. The efforts are also focused to renovate the existing classrooms to have adequate natural light and air. CSI Luxembourg has supported this project financially and has made it possible to have such a great place for children with disabilities.



Supporting the families of students

Under the COVID-19 relief initiatives, KIRAN supported the families of 75 students who are/were part of teachers' trainee course, belonging to the families with a low socio-economic status and badly affected by this pandemic. A fund transfer support of 2000 INR was provided to each of these families. These families were identified based on a clear selection criteria and process. Out of 75 selected beneficiaries, 60% are female and 40% are male (14 people with disabilities; 61 are from marginalized sections of society and 55 are from remote rural areas).

Supporting children with disabilities and their families

The ongoing pandemic has affected many aspects of our life and undoubtedly, it hurt more the families of children with disabilities especially those who are poor and limited source of income. Kiran Society came forward and extend help to those 21 families of children with disabilities (13 male and 8 female) by directly transferring the funds (2000 INR per family) into their bank accounts. In most cases, these funds allow families to make decisions of their purchases as per their urgent needs.

75 Families

55

Rural



20

Urban



45

Female



30

Male



14

Children with disabilities/Parents



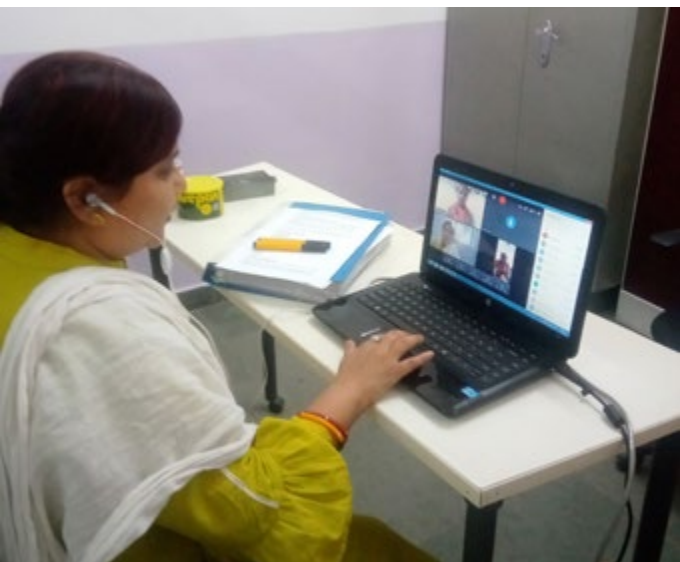
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Marginalized Children/Persons

Orientation of staff and online classes for students

Some of the staff members attended the orientation for COVID -19 on 3rd and 8th of July 2020) including history, symptoms, transmission, prevention and possible treatment. This orientation was based on the guidelines and information disseminated by the World Health Organization.

The teaching faculty have resumed their duties and decided to continue online classes again for diploma students. In the absence of regular classes, this was a great support for the teachers' trainee as they can attend classes on different subjects each day. On the other hand, this demanded a lot for planning and preparatory work as many new teaching members have joined the group. The members of the teaching faculty seem to be pleased with this new way of teaching experience and becoming technical savvy while arranging online classes.



COVID-19 EDUCATION RESPONSE

Across communities, the closures of schools and educational institutions hold economic and social tolls for people. The consequences are particularly severe for the most vulnerable and marginalized families who tend to have fewer educational opportunities. At this moment, when everyone is so concerned about the tragic situation caused by COVID-19, many individuals and organizations are attempting to help out needy communities in whatever best ways they can. While other basic needs are being responded to, educational needs cannot be blanket out and have an evenly damaging impact if not addressed.

After a discussion among the KIRAN team, it was decided that it would be more beneficial to the students to support them with their respective course books, stationery material for their studies and a basic hygiene kit. As many of them are living in rural areas and having some exchange of tele/online classes and in absence of books, they are finding it hard to follow the lessons without any course material.



In order to organize this support, an orientation session was done with teachers and supportive staff. To avoid mass gathering, this distribution support was conducted from 13th to 16th July 2020 and parents of children were invited. A total of 245 students (with and without disabilities) benefitted from this support wherein items according to their class level along with hygiene kits which included; Books, copies, pen, pencils, colours, and two face masks, one pair of socks, four bathing soaps, one kg of washing powder and a hand towel. The students' parents and guardians were called in four days as per the following group:

1st day: Class VI to Class VIII

2nd day: Class III to Class V including National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) students

3rd day: LKG to Class II

4th day: Special Unit, Nursery and NIOS students

The safety measures were observed during the distribution like thermal screening, hand sanitization, parents were requested to come with masks and to maintain social distancing.

A very positive result of this distribution was found that students were more active in their groups for tele/online classes. KIRAN's team is making efforts to lessen the immediate impact of closures of regular education activities, particularly for more vulnerable and disadvantaged communities, and to facilitate the continuity of education through different approaches.

245 Students

 119

Children/Persons
with disabilities

 126

Marginalized
Children/Persons

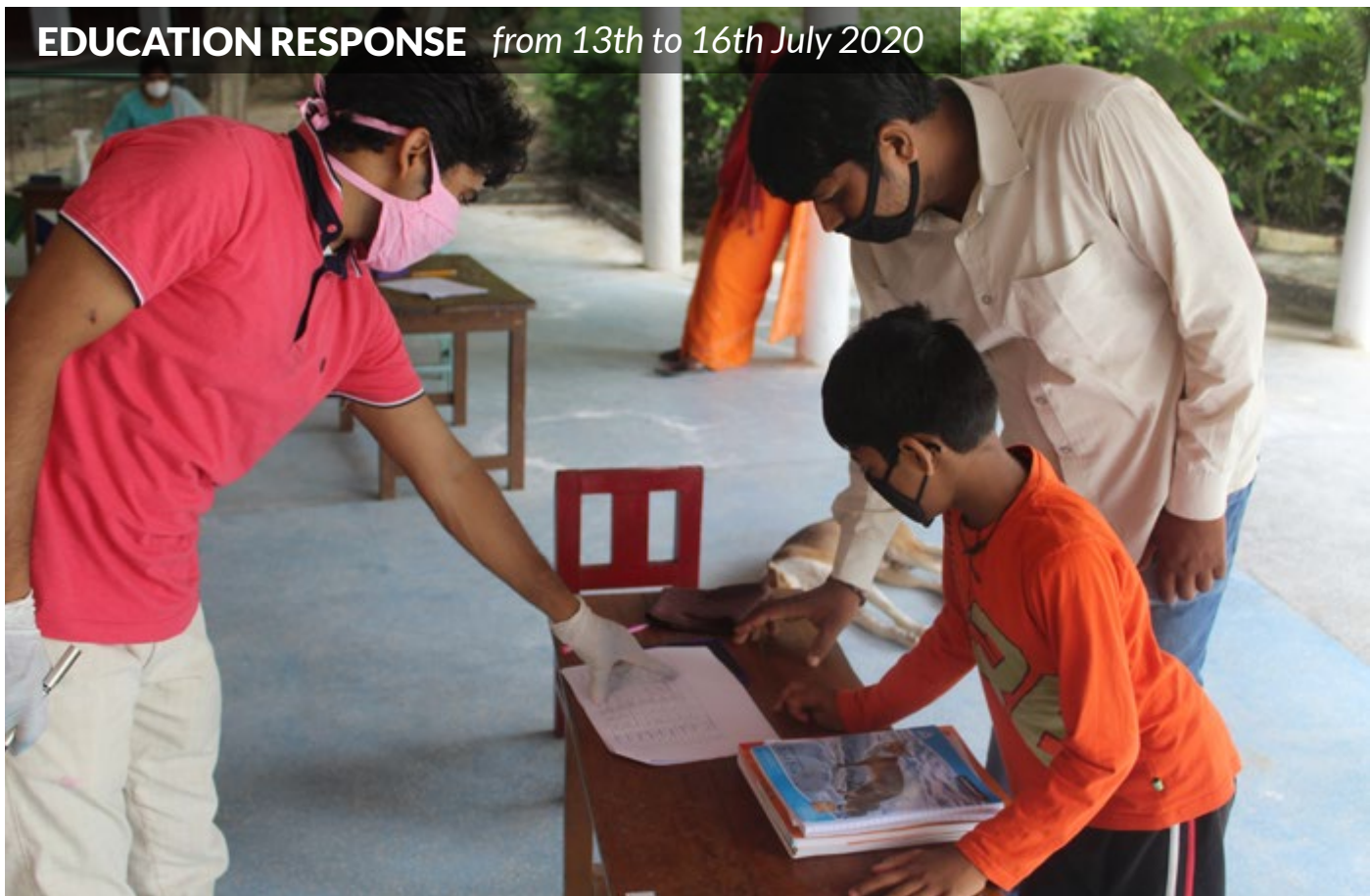
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Female



132
Male



EDUCATION RESPONSE from 13th to 16th July 2020



COVID-19 HEALTHCARE RESPONSE

Follow-up services with children with disabilities

The tele-rehabilitation and follow-up services to children and persons with disabilities are going on. After a long break due to COVID-19 and lockdown situations, a few children with disabilities who were able to visit KIRAN and have been provided some rehabilitation services by different professionals. The team took all safety measures while dealing with children with disabilities and their parents. Children and their parents were getting well sanitized at the gate first and before entering any section. Only one child was allowed at a time with one person. The team also helped the families of poor children with dry ration or fund transfer support.



COVID-19 RELIEF INITIATIVES

171 families from children/ persons with disability households / and women / and from the marginalized communities in the project area have been identified for nutritional and hygiene materials support. Most of the beneficiaries were daily wagers and due to the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 situation they are forced to get lockdown in their area.

This minimal support of essential nutrition and hygiene materials will be very crucial for these households to meet their basic and immediate food needs who have no or very limited source of income during this life-threatening pandemic COVID-19 situation. As part of the joint efforts, a total of 171 families were provided nutritional and hygiene support in collaboration with SOIR IM in Pindra block of Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh.



267 Families



171

Nutritional
& hygiene



96

Bank
Transfer

91

Female



176

Male



236

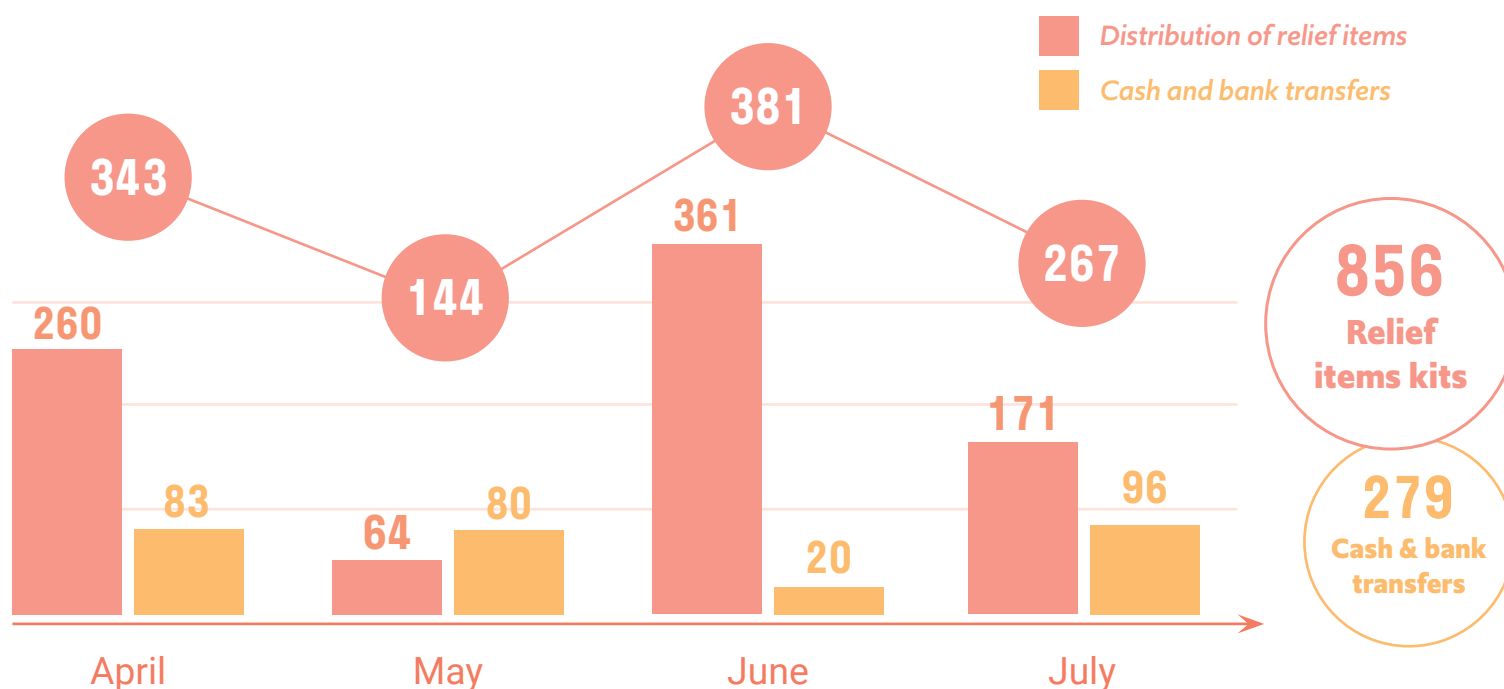
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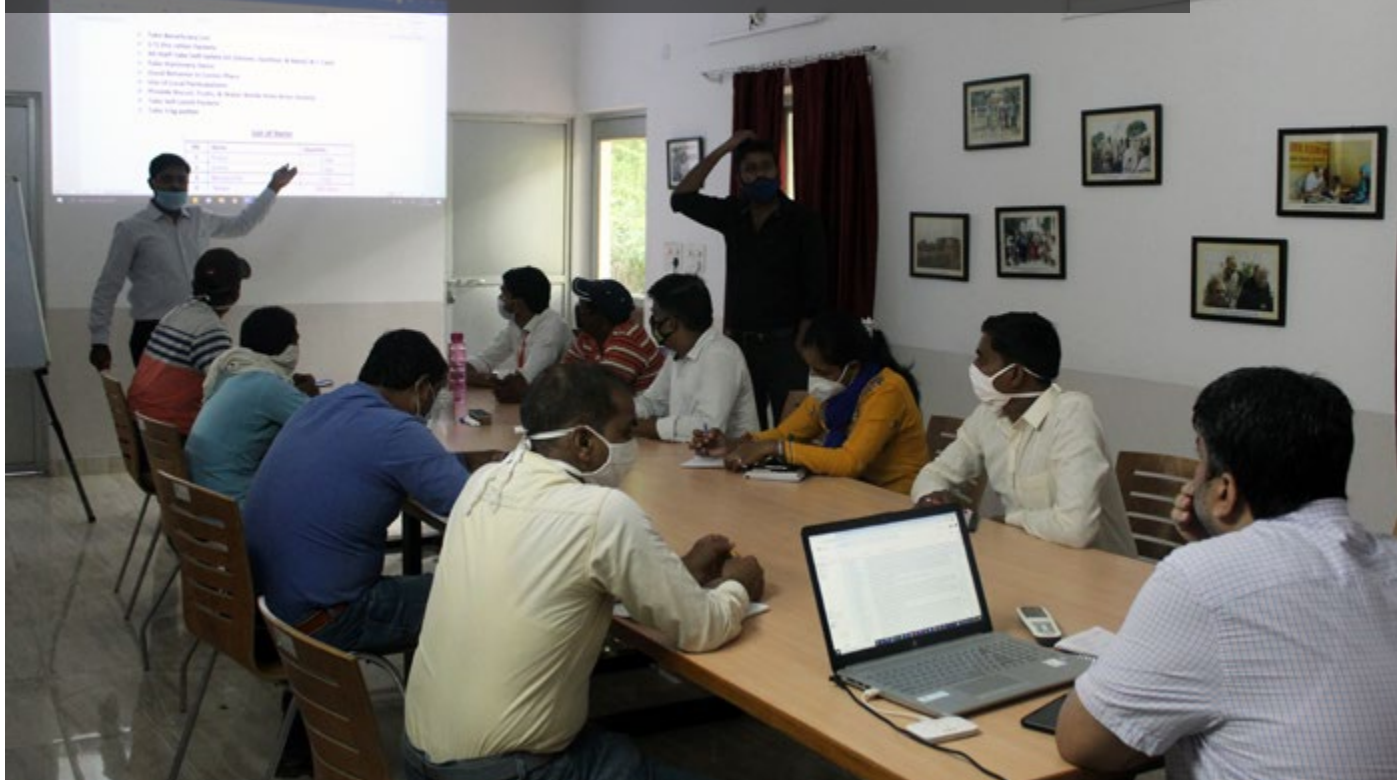
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In these last four months, KIRAN team along with its supporters, donors and well-wishers, were able to extend support to 1135 families



PLANNING, MONITORING & REVIEW

22nd & 25th of July



IN ACTION: ONSITE

24th of July



IN ACTION: ONSITE

24th of July



IN ACTION: ONSITE

24th of July



AWARENESS ABOUT COVID-19





No substitute to hard work

Preeti is a 14 years old, and self-motivated girl belongs from the village Belaure located in Bhojpur district of Bihar. She is having spine bifida. Her father passed away when she was a child and her mother takes care of her with limited earnings from agricultural land.

The family heard about KIRAN and visited in the year 2009 onwards. The KIRAN team supported her to improve her mobility. Due to regular therapies and treatment process, she was referred in KIRAN's hostel with her elder sister (Priya) to receive some support in her daily activities.

Preeti is a very smart girl, sincere and attentive to studies. In the academic session 2017-18, after completing Class 8th from KIRAN school, she attended the entrance examination of Central Hindu Girls School for taking admission to the higher secondary and finally got admission to the same school in class 9th. She worked hard for the Board examination and secured a good position. Due to her severe disability, she doesn't have an easy life but she came over it with her hard work and constant support.

Bon voyage volunteers...



Pauline Magenta, was working as a volunteer from France. She was supporting KIRAN from December 2019 to the end of July 2020 in fundraising activities, regarding the café management and in the department of skill training. Her mission was till the end of November 2020, but due to COVID-19 pandemic, she went back to France early on the 31st July 2020.



Alix Lacotte came from France on the 4th March 2020. Her mission was to support KIRAN in communication management as a volunteer till September 2020. But due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, she was informed from the Paris Foreign Missions to come back home before completing her mission. She went back home on the 5th of August 2020.

Thank you Pauline and Alix for your precious support to KIRAN!

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kindness and compassion,
we are the first one to profits.*

Rumi