



RAYS OF HOPE



**HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE
INITIATIVES: COVID-19**



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Collaborating with KIRAN

SOIR-IM's relationship with KIRAN Society has been lasting for more than two decades. Over these years of partnership, we have had many enriching experiences with KIRAN. The commitment of the founding leader, Sangeetha J.K. and the work from the team to help children with disabilities in their holistic development has been an inspiration. KIRAN has been able to reach out to many villages and needy marginalised households in Uttar Pradesh.

Our current work with KIRAN concerns the inclusion of differently abled children regarding education. KIRAN's efforts in promoting model inclusive schools in collaboration with the government has been a great contribution to inclusive development. Based on KIRAN's rich experience of supporting children with disabilities in their learning, and with SOIR-IM support, KIRAN has been able to develop and publish a toolkit to help teachers and educators. We hope the toolkit will support many key actors to create a conducive learning environment in the schools for inclusive education. KIRAN's efforts to influence the government in adopting the ways of learning from model schools will contribute to larger changes in the educational institutions towards inclusive education. KIRAN has also been successful in reaching out to parents, and especially mothers, to raise awareness on the needs of their children with disabilities so that they create a suitable environment at home.

It was my great pleasure to visit KIRAN village in Varanasi in 2019 and see the overall inspiring work of KIRAN. In spite of the COVID-19 pandemic, KIRAN team has been able to reach out to households with disabled children, in difficulties given the situation. Here is one example of their dedication to the cause. We cherish every experience in our partnership journey and will continue our support to facilitate their great work.



Gitanjali Jena



COVID-19 RELIEF INITIATIVES

As per World Health Organization, globally as of 10th July 2020, there have been 12,237,085 confirmed cases of COVID-19 including 554,579 deaths. India is the third worst-hit nation by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of total coronavirus infections.[1]

In India, as on 10th July 2020, 820,916 confirmed cases and 22,123 deaths reported from 35 States/UTs. A large number of cases have been reported from Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Rajasthan, Telangana, Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh. In Uttar Pradesh, a state of 17% population of the country (more than 200 million population), 33,700 confirmed cases and 889 deaths reported.[2]

[1] World Health Organization
[2] The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, India



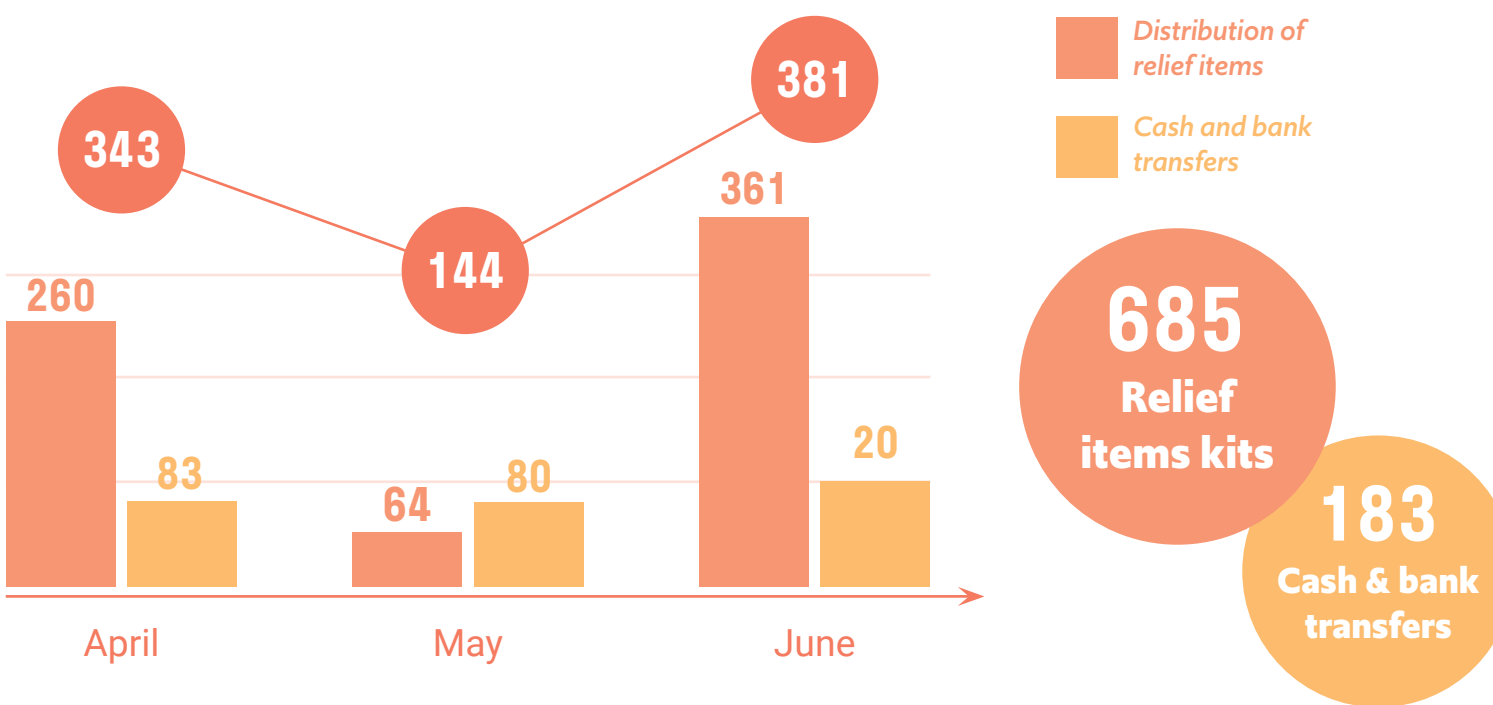
Following the extension of nationwide lockdown and the suspension of all ongoing activities, some staff members were able to visit the field to get in touch with beneficiaries.

In order to help out the most vulnerable families a list of more than 381 families was prepared to provide them with nutritional and financial support. Among these families 65% belong to marginalized communities and 35% are families of a person or child with disability. The Special Educators also went to visit children with disabilities in their respective

areas to provide them home based education as per their Individual Education Plan (IEP). A total number of 13 children with disabilities received home based education in this process along with basic training to the parents.

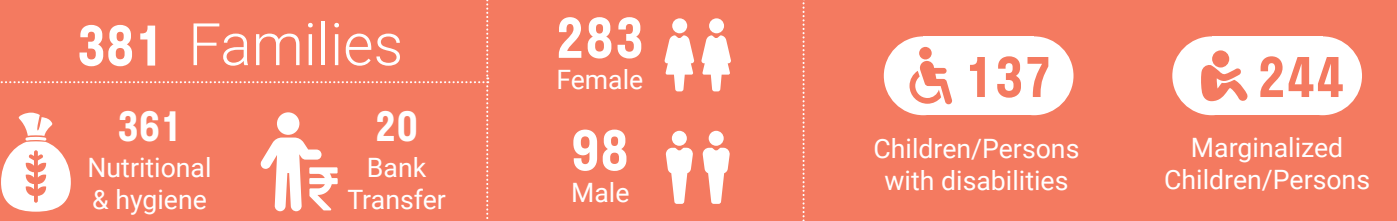
During the last three months, the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic situation has challenged the life of everyone on this planet, especially poor and persons with disabilities in the rural areas most, in many ways, despite having some relaxation from lockdown situations.

In these last three months, KIRAN team along with its supporters, donors and well-wishers, were able to extend support to 868 families



The KIRAN team identified and selected families for support who are working as daily labourers in the agriculture and informal sector or from low-socio economic background. Some of them have lost their jobs and are reinforced to return to their respective villages and have limited means in this tight situation. With no or very minimum sustenance support, they are facing difficulties to arrange daily needs commodities.

During June 2020, KIRAN along with its collaborators supported a total of 361 families through direct distribution of relief supplies. As part of the joint efforts, a total of 350 families were provided nutritional support (dry ration) in collaboration with **Jiv Daya Foundation** in Mirzapur and Varanasi districts of Uttar Pradesh. These families were given grains and eatable materials which are very much essential for survival in this life-threatening condition.



PLANNING, MONITORING & REVIEW

22nd & 25th of June



PACKAGING & LOADING

26th & 29th of June



IN ACTION: ONSITE

27th of June



IN ACTION: ONSITE

29th of June



IN ACTION: ONSITE

30th of June



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AWARENESS ABOUT COVID-19





Aspiring young artist

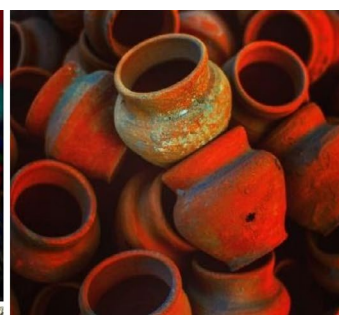
Manish Kumar Ram, supported by Kiran and Roche, studying in his final year at the Institute of Fine Art, Uttar Pradesh.

Manish grew up in Varanasi. His father was working for KIRAN almost from its inception and until his death in 2014. His family was dependent on the salary of his father to raise five sons and a daughter.

He is supported by the KIRAN-Roche programme, for completing his education in the domain of fine arts. After the initial years of his college, he gained the confidence and respect in the institution. He would like to continue to improve his art skills, both foundational and digital, with an eye to completing a master's degree in applied art and later getting a job in illustration, possibly in comics.

As stated by him that "I would have had no hopes of studying in college without the help of KIRAN which has contributed to my educational expenses since 2016. I have gained confidence and am pleased with my progress in art. I am interested to learn more and practice new techniques. I am very grateful to both Kiran and Roche for their support since I passed 12th class. Without their help I would have been forced to join the workforce straight away, most likely in a job that would have neither been well-paying nor have allowed me to pursue my passion. I believe that their investment will enrich not only me and my family, but will contribute, eventually, to the wealth of art in India."

Some examples of my art during each year of study so far at the Institute of Fine Art



Work hard, dream big...

Imran Ahmad is 25 years old, previously a student in KIRAN Inclusive school.

Affected by polio, Imran came to KIRAN for medical rehabilitation support. Due to the low socio-economic condition of his family, it was very difficult for his parents to support his treatment. After getting proper care and treatment in KIRAN, he was supported to complete his primary education in KIRAN inclusive School.

Imran has always been a very hard working student. Always ready to help others, he also loves to take part in sports activities and cultural programs organized by KIRAN. Due to his hard work, he got admission in Banaras Hindu University for a Bachelor degree course in Hospitality & Tourism Management. With the desire to support his family, he started working part time in a hotel as well as continuing his studies.

After completion of his formal education, he got a job in another state (Rajasthan) to support his family. Due to the pandemic COVID-19 situation, unfortunately he left his job but he is confident that he will get a job soon. His desire to do a Master Degree in the same field.

He is deeply grateful to KIRAN for supporting him in his personal, educational and professional growth.



Improving support through information technology



KIRAN would like to acknowledge the support of one of our collaborators, **SoftwareONE** team, for their valuable support in promoting and upgrading the information technology requirements. The practical need of their contribution became more crucial in arising needs due to COVID-19 pandemic. This will support in improving the communication as well as realizing the importance of digital networks in KIRAN's different interventions.

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by what we receive,
our heart by what we give*

Victor Hugo