



RAYS OF HOPE



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE COVID-19 RESPONSE



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Humanitarian efforts to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 in Uttar Pradesh, India

Thank you for supporting and connecting with us!

In a joint statement by International Labour Organization (ILO), The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and World Health Organization (WHO), stated that COVID-19 pandemic has led to a striking loss of human life globally and presents an unprecedented challenge to food systems, public health, and livelihood. Millions of people are at risk of falling into extreme poverty, undernourishment and loss of livelihood. As per the World Health Organization, globally as on 17th October 2020, there have been 39,196,259 confirmed cases of COVID-19 including 1,101,298 deaths [1]. India is the second worst-hit nation by the COVID-19 pandemic in terms of total coronavirus infections with 74,94,551 confirmed cases and 114,031 deaths reported from 35 States/Union Territories [2].

At ground, KIRAN is attempting with some humble efforts to equip the communities impacted by the pandemic by providing relief items contextualized to their local needs and essentials to provide appropriate nutrition, sharing awareness on preventing spread of COVID-19, improving communication to avail services, providing educational support and medicine supplies to children with and without disabilities.

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

Due to COVID-19, the last seven months have been challenging and such tough situations are expected to continue in coming months. The life of poor as well as families of people with disabilities residing in rural areas most, in many ways, despite having some relaxation from the lockdown/ restrictions situations. As many of these identified families mainly work as a labourer in agriculture and informal sector. Most of them have lost their job and reinforced to return to their respective villages and have no earning resources enough in this tight situation.

To fulfil some of these gaps and complement various efforts, during the September month KIRAN provided support to 261 identified persons/ children with disability and marginalized families in Pindra block of Varanasi district in Uttar Pradesh. These families from underprivileged and vulnerable groups were given grains and hygienic materials to overcome the challenges posed by this pandemic.

Thanks to the valuable contributions from friends and donors. With your kind support, KIRAN is able to reach out to the needy and unreachable communities which will support them to survive and manage through these challenging times.

We sincerely express our gratitude to everyone who would be willing to come forward and contribute to support the families during this difficult time. Your support will go a long way in helping us in our efforts.

To contribute in making a difference in many lives - Act Now!

KIRAN wishes you to stay safe and healthy!



261 Families

144 Female
117 Male

144 Children/Persons with disabilities

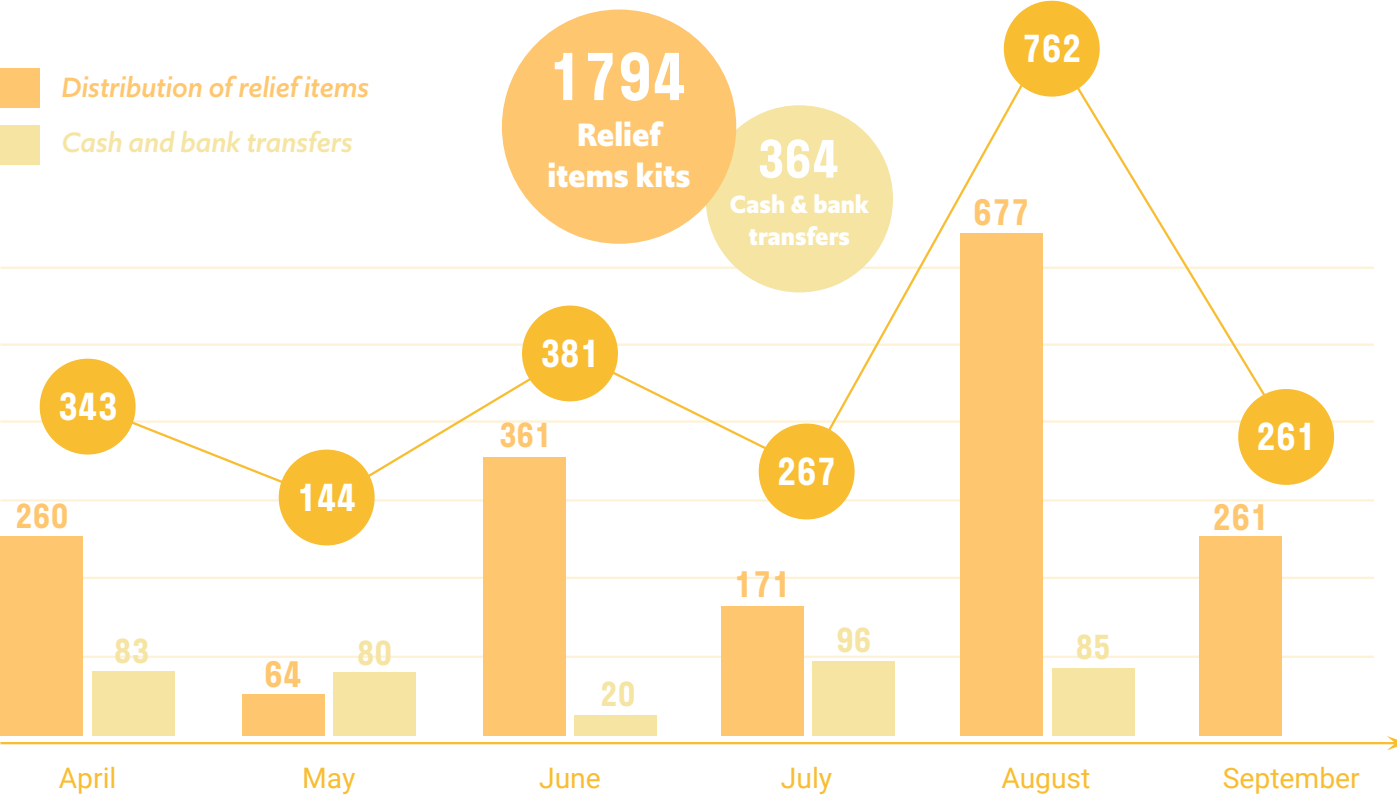
117 Marginalized Children/Persons

The list of distributed materials:

Nutritional supplies		Hygiene supplies	
Pulses	2Kg	Sanitary Pads	For 2 to 3 months
Grains	2Kg	Soap	4 pcs
Mustard oil	2Lt	Dishwasher	2 pcs
Spices	250gm	Soap for washing clothes	2 pcs
Soyabeen	1Kg		
Vegetables	5Kg		
Jaggery	1Kg		



In these last six months, KIRAN team along with its supporters, donors and well-wishers, were able to extend support to 2,158 families (approximately 10,142 persons)



IN ACTION: ONSITE





Training of School Teachers / Workshop on Inclusive Education

A teacher's training was organised on the topic "COVID-19: Challenges of online education and some of the solutions" at UPS Tikari Vidyalaya KVP block in the Varanasi District on 9th September 2020. In the session, challenges of online education during pandemics were discussed in detail and probable solutions for teaching-learning difficulty and the

utility of online education as a key option were suggested to cope up with the pandemic period. The training was coordinated by the Kiran team. Training session was conducted by Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Srivastava who is certified child guidance consultant and eminent teacher's trainer.





Foundation day at Kiran

15th September 2020

On September 15, 2020 Kiran Society completed its 30 years of successful journey 'an adventures journey'. A small celebration was organized in the campus of Kiran while keeping all precautionary measures. In this line, the Education team actively took part in this celebration (i) a motivational group song by female teachers; (ii) a poetry recitation by the male teachers; and (iii) a musical play to display the current situation of people during COVID-19. Anchoring support was also provided by teachers during the programme. Another team from the Human Resource Training actively participated in the cultural event organized. The team prepared a drama to showcase on the stage title – Sachhi Vasiyat (True will). The message expressed through this small play was that a caring life is better than the material things in the world.



Teachers' day

5th September

Every year 5th September is celebrated as 'Teachers' day' in India in memory of the 2nd President of India, Shri Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan for his great contribution in the field of education. It's a day dedicated to teachers to remember and pay gratitude to them for shaping the life of children (with and without disabilities). This year, due to Covid-19, we missed our lovely students on this day, still a small meeting was organized by the head of Education in order to express deep hearted thanks to dedicated teachers. She also offered some gifts as mementos. This small celebration infused a remarkable energy in teachers for their upcoming work.



Online classes for teachers trainee

The teaching faculty were engaged to complete the syllabus of the diploma education through online for teachers' trainees. They have completed almost 75 hours of teaching in this month. It was really amazing to realize that teachers are ready with most effective strategies to offer online classes.

Engaging constructively during these challenging times

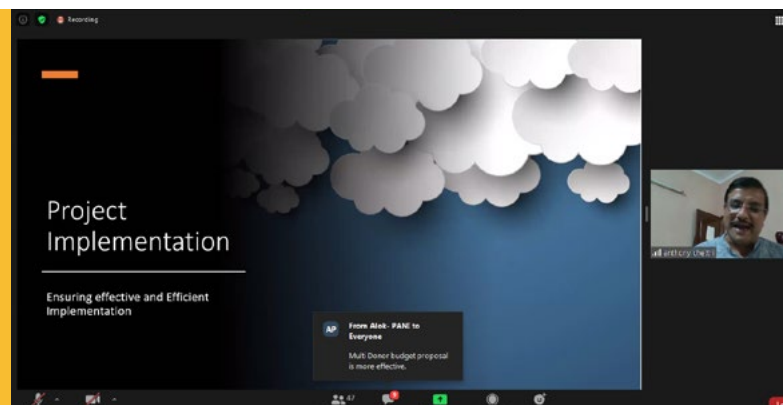
Assistive devices for person with disabilities

National Institute for the Empowerment of Persons with Visual Disabilities (NIEPVD) organized a five-day webinar titled "Assistive Technologies for the Person with Disabilities" in collaboration with LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad. 100 participants from all over the country took participated in it and various renowned speakers delivered their lectures. It was a good opportunity to take part in it under the professional development programme.



Project formulation, strategic planning, budgeting and implementation

A three-day webinar was organized on the theme of "Programme planning, strategic formulation and Implementation" by VANI INDIA for the organizations working in social sectors. Mr. A. Chettri was the resource person for all three days. During the session the focus was mostly in the form of tips to be considered while project planning and strategic formulation and implementing the project. The last day was mostly focussed on budgeting of the project.



Addiction to digital media

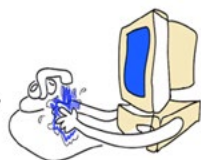
An hour webinar was organized by "Embrace Harchan" on digital addiction and the resource person was Dr. Manoj Kumar Sharma. He spoke on various digital syndromes, their diagnosis and possible management. Digital fasting and digital hygiene were some of his recommendations.

What can You do?

Step 2: Assist yourself for healthy use of technology:

Digital hygiene:

1. Frequent break,
2. Break after 45 minutes of headphone use
3. Bring indoor /out door physical activities,
4. Take care of self hygiene
6. 30-45 minutes before sleep time, no online activity
7. Digital fasting



Renovation of mural

Voluntarily a team member repainted one of the murals which was created in 2010 it to make it fresh and welcoming.



Looking back to our 30 years journey of mutual trust

We remember very well that 15th of September 1990, when our tiny group of enthusiastic young people started this service to children with disabilities in an old house in Nagwa of Varanasi city, which was lent to us by the Diocese. We were so innocent and had no experience, except the dream to help polio-affected children to get rehabilitation and education. The children who needed such care were not missing, but soon we reached out also to villages of other districts where the need was huge.

One day a mother brought us not only her cerebral palsy affected child, but also her sister, asking us whether we would be ready to accept this other girl without disability? Why not, we thought! She could be of help to the other children too. And in this way started even in 1990, without our planning, the inclusive approach to disability service, which is our focus till today. We were happy to hear at our anniversary celebration a former non-disabled KIRAN student say that she is so glad to have many friends who are differently able, because she feels they are more sensitive to the needs of others and very ready to help.

The first seven years passed so fast with giving non-formal education and learning therapy. It was such a happy time! But soon our place at Nagwa became too small and we searched for a more fitting place. To our great luck we could find suitable land in Madhopur, just beside the Ganges, some 14 km south of Varanasi city. It was with the help of many friends who had visited us and were propelled by the joy of these innocent children, that the necessary funds could be found for building the KIRAN Village.

That time of establishing the village from 1996 till 2001 was such an intensive period in which we experienced in a tangible way God's care through many faithful friends; till today they are like streams of living water, taking care that the KIRAN children and youth can get the needed support and reach their dreams for a happy, satisfying life.



Since then, not only the KIRAN Village has grown, but also the number of children and staff: in normal time (means before and after "Corona-time") some 450 children are daily present; and more than 1,500 children receive care in the villages of the Outreach- and CBR-field by different professionals. All together we are a team of 166 members.

Our hearty 'Thank you' goes to all those who directly or indirectly have contributed to this beautiful "Adventure of Trust". May the joy of our children inspire us all to continue tirelessly our effort for supporting differently able children and youth and those from marginalized families, so that they can reach their rightful place in society!

At the very beginning, while still a very small group, in Nagwa, we expressed our hope for the future in a poem which I like to share with you here. It shows how daring we were by dreaming big, worldwide...!

And perhaps it shows us that dreams can become real like seeds that fall in the ground, when the soil is well cared for. So let us not be afraid to have big dreams for the good of our world!

On the evening of 15th September 2020 this year, for our 30th anniversary, the team members wrote their thanks and good wishes and all these were put in the fire as a burnt offering to the Universe.

Yes, may KIRAN share life with many, many more!





WHAT SHALL THE FUTURE BRING?
DREAM, KIRAN FAMILY, DREAM!

WHAT WE CAN BECOME, THIS IS IMPORTANT!
DREAM, KIRAN FAMILY, DREAM,

DREAM OF THE LEAST IN THE WORLD,
DREAM OF WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR THEM TO BECOME TRUE.

DREAM! SHARE WITH OTHERS!
TURN YOUR INSIDE OUT FOR THEM!

MAKE OTHERS STRONG — THEN YOU WILL BE STRONG,
AND TOGETHER WE SHALL BE STRONG.

DREAM, KIRAN FAMILY, DREAM!

LIVE AND LOVE AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE,
THEN WE SHALL SHARE LIFE WITH MANY, MANY MORE !!



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15th Sept 2020

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*Life engenders life. Energy
creates energy. It is by spending
oneself that one becomes rich.*

Sarah Bernhardt