COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF DISTRIBUTION AT TELENGANA & ANDHRA PRADESH



Dry ration distribution at Nambur village



Ration distribution at Alirajpet

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- Covid -19 pandemic followed by the continual lockdown in India brought untold misery to the people in general and in particular the poor are driven to fear, anxiety, uncertainty, and economic loss. The second wave of the pandemic is much worse than the first wave. The city urban slum dwellers and the village rural poor are affected very badly. Many of them were not able to go to work and lost income to maintain their daily course of life. Due to lack of work opportunities, they have to face innumerable problems at home. On the one hand, they have to protect themselves from the threat posed by coronavirus and on the other hand, they have to face the challenge of the economic crisis posed by the continual prolonged lockdown.
- At this crucial juncture, the emergency relief project initiated by ISI Delhi & MAIN through the active involvement of CITRA the Jesuit Social Action Centre in Hyderabad was much appreciated by the poor especially the families affected by the pandemic in both Andhra and the Telangana States. Through this Covid - 19 Emergency Relief Project the identified deserving beneficiaries received Dry ration worth Rs.1,200/- and a medical kit (which includes generic medicine, sanitizer, and mask) worth Rs.300 each, to safeguard themselves from the dreaded virus.



Kit distribution at Usalavaripalem village



Ration distribution at Chilakaluripet village



Ration distribution at Jingeru village

- This emergency relief project is implemented through networks and the collaboration of various people. The State Coordinator and the Community volunteers had worked with the Jesuits, women religious, health works, venders, NGOs, students, Parish priests, and village leaders.
 - Dry ration kits to 487 families and Medical kits to 381 families were distributed to a number of poor and Covid affected families. Priority is given to covid affected families, migrants, Transgender persons, physically challenged ones, and vulnerable poor. Prior to distribution tokens were issued.
- Distribution was done in 60 villages out of which 28 were in Andhra and 32 in Telangana.
- Three types of medical equipment (Oximeter, BP monitor, and Temperature sensor) of 10 sets were purchased. They are given to frontline health workers in the state who are involved in visiting the corona-affected persons both in the urban slums and rural villages. sanitizers, masks, and generic medicine were also given.



Dry ration distribution at Edupugallu village



Ration distribution at Pedana village



Kit Distribution at Edupugallu



Kit distribution at Nambur village