

COVID-19 Emergency Relief Report

“The invisible virus has shown us that how one and self’s Life and Living is more important to protect and save our lives on earth.”- Biman Raj Chettri

Timeline of COVID-19 events in India

30th Jan 2020: First COVID Case Reported in India

31st Jan 2020: WHO declares as a public emergency

22nd March 2020: Govt. of India under PM Narendar Modi ordered a voluntary public curfew (Janta Curfew) for 14 hrs (from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m) followed by the enforcement of a series of regulation in the country’s COVID-19 affected regions.

24th March 2020: Govt. of India under PM Narendra Modi ordered a nationwide lockdown for 21 days limiting movement of the entire Indian population as preventive measures against COVID-19 pandemic in India.

The lockdown was placed when the number of confirmed positive case in India was approximately 500.

Trinity Foundation started its Relief Emergency Program from the very initial days. Starting with the awareness program before the lockdown to distribution of the dry ration during the lockdown.

1st April 2020: Received letter from Additional Secretary Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India to the NGO’s for outreach and assistance in the society which may complement Government’s endeavors.

14th April 2020: PM Modi extended the nationwide lockdown till 3 May, with a conditional relaxation promised after 20th April for the regions where the spread has been contained by then.

15th April 2020: Reported to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for the outreach program done so far, this is being updated in every 15 days.

1st May 2020: The Government of India extended nationwide lockdown further by two weeks until 17th May.

11th May 2020: 67,152 total COVID positive case reported as on date.



The whole world is in lockdown now, grappling with the full impact of Covid-19 and hardly any measure or any one is perfect to put on solution. The invisible virus has shown us the vulnerability of human race and society. It shows how we need to have uniform living standard to live for self and others to save humankind and humanity because Covid-19 has affected all of us. But it affects the poor the most mainly most vulnerable are poor children. The lockdown has compounded the affects and suffering of this indivisible virus to daily wage earners who have lost the ability to provide for their families, it affects migrant laborers who no longer have jobs, money or a roof over their heads. It affects those who never had a roof over their heads.

In India the problem complicated with its multi-cultural, multi-religion, multi-diversity and most dangerous being the disparity of income among its citizen. According to some estimates, 200 million people will be pushed into poverty in India this year.

As we may not have solution for every problems but living of self and others is the dire necessity at this time of extreme need! We need to rise above the Darwin's theory of "Survival of Fittest" to "Survive for All" to win this invisible virus.

*Trinity Foundation(TF) had already started COVID-19 emergency relief program with the help of its supporting partners: **Stifelsen Global Aid, Norway; Love and Hope, Sweden and Giving Works Foundation, UK**, before the request of NGO intervention by Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs(MHA) through FCRA Department in the targeted areas especially in the closed tea gardens in the northern parts of West Bengal, from the initial days of lockdown and has been continuing even after the extension of lockdown as announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. The Foundation is running an effective its charitable social welfare projects focusing the targeted group of children and mothers/woman's, elderly, physically challenged beneficiaries from the poorest of the poor communities especially from closed tea gardens.*

To support the Government's order of lockdown and to support the nutrition of our children beneficiaries and the vulnerable group the following steps were taken with the planned strategies.

Trinity Foundation targeting vulnerable groups and daily wagers focused to provide basic consumable goods and hygiene kits.



Awareness to our children beneficiaries

Trinity Foundation had initially started its COVID-19 Emergency Relief Program with the help of its supporting partners: Stifelsen Global Aid, Norway and Giving Work Foundation, UK.

Due to lockdown our children beneficiaries are deprived of classroom education and already running Midday meal, hence the organization firstly focused to aware the children beneficiaries about the deadly virus, its symptoms and its precautionary measures. They were also taught about social distancing, washing hands regularly, avoid touching face areas, avoid consuming cold food and drinks, drinking hot water and the measures to keep and maintain hygiene. They were even asked to use face mask and to avoid going out of home during this hour of lockdown.



Awareness to the parents and villagers

Our villagers are the food bowl of the country, standing silently as the backbone, but they are also neglected. In India poverty is and has been an ongoing disaster in the lives of many. Right now things are getting much worst for a vast majority with the extension of the lockdown.

Initially in the first phase of the lockdown, with the help of our existing staff, volunteers and teachers, 10 meetings were conducted with the parents of our children beneficiaries and the villagers mostly focusing the closed tea gardens in the Districts of Jalpaiguri and Alipuduar. Spreading awareness of the virus, its preventive measures and explaining them the reason for the Govt.'s decision on lockdown.

Our immediate intervention focused on women/mother's of the family as their influence is necessary both in the aspect of hygiene and financially in this hour of lockdown.



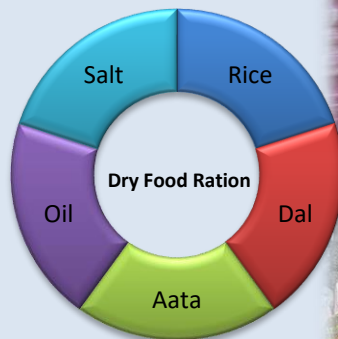
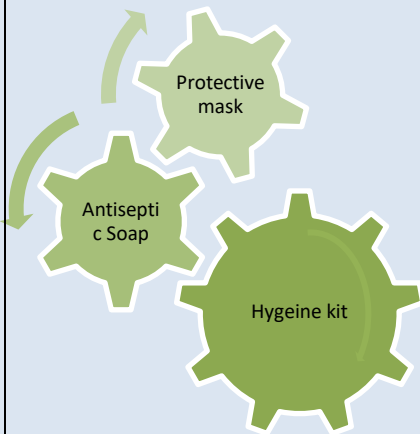
The villagers practicing social distancing.

Highlights from the Ground

In view of the extension of the national lockdown, Trinity Foundation has also continued its Covid-19 Emergency Relief Program, targeting not only its enrolled beneficiaries and its families but also the neediest, handicapped and the older citizens of the society.

As the number of Covid-19 soars, so do the need of the children and their families. From delivering the dry food ration to basic hygiene kit like protective mask and antiseptic soap, Trinity Foundation has been continuously supporting its beneficiaries. By the mid of April, TF had successfully supported 1000 families.

Trinity Foundation has been continuously supporting the communities by providing preventive messages hand washing and developing guidelines for homeschooling to ensure that the children keep learning, even if their school is closed. It has been working on building resilient individuals and local communities where we work for the preparedness and response to Covid-19 through our existing projects and programs focusing on the most vulnerable groups.



Leper's Colony – fighting hunger

This highlights the unequal ways in which people have been hit by lockdown and Covid pandemic. In Siliguri- areas of Darjeeling More and Matigara – is a colony of leprosy stricken families, who largely sustain themselves with begging and rag picking. They used to live in misery but their life has worsened after the lockdown. They struggle even for their basic everyday food.

Our team along with the local volunteers distributed dry ration and hygiene kit to these families present there in the first phase and we are planning to go back and attend to their needs again.

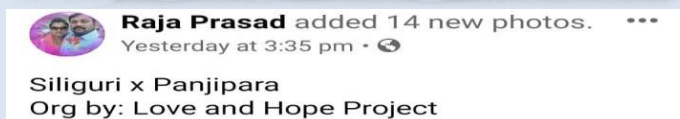
In our ongoing relief program, Trinity Foundation is trying to priorities the most vulnerable and neglected communities like the disabled, elderly, tribal's and sex workers who are fighting for their sustenance right now.



Relief to the Sex Workers

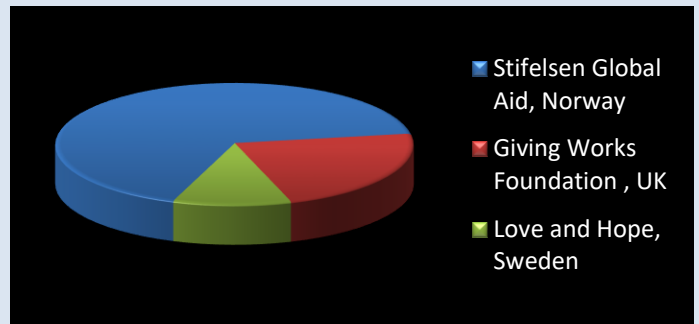
Hit by lockdown and advised to practice social distancing, sex workers are one among those from the informal sectors who are struggling to survive. Though the government has announced relief scheme for poor, but the women working in the sex industry are beyond their ambit. Due to lockdown, they are falling short of money and buy enough food for their family susceptible to COVID-19. There is acute shortage of food as well as personal hygiene material in the brothel.

Love and Hope Project which works with the children of the sex workers, supported the sex workers in the areas of Khalpara, Islampur and Panjipara; provided them dry food ration and hygiene kits with the help of its funding partner Love and Hope, Sweden.



Location	District	Target	Targeted Community
Madarihat & Birpara Block	Alipuduar	2000+	Families of beneficiaries & Needy Family
Mechi Basti	Jalpaiguri	600+	Families of Beneficiaries & Needy Family
Gulma Tea Estate	Darjeeling	120+	Daily wagers specially without BPL card
Darjeeling More, Siliguri	Darjeeling	100+	Handicapped & Slum Families
Khalpara, Panjipara & Islampur	Jalpaiguri & Uttar Dinajpur	554+	Families of Sex Workers

Funding Partners	Support Received
Stifelsen Global Aid, Norway	5,67,445
Giving Works Foundation, UK	1,90,150
Love and Hope, Sweden	89,919
Total Relief & Response Exp.	8,47,514



The generous support from our Supporting Partners till date is Rs.8, 47,514/- for ongoing Covid-19 Emergency Relief & Response Program.

The India corona virus lockdown has triggered reverse exodus in the tea gardens specially the closed ones, vulnerable and elderly people, who are struggling to sustain themselves. In India, the devastating impact on the daily wagers and rural dwellers has become the bigger disaster than the pandemic. And as the need is huge, Trinity Foundation has even requested Hon'ble Prime Minister for the support of Emergency Relief COVID-19 Program.(Please refer to enlisted documents)

As we complement with the existing endeavor of the government initiative during this Covid-19 emergency, our role too has become very challenging as we have noticed in the areas there is influx and return of migrated workers from different states and precautions to our targeted group is vital and paramount.

Our volunteers and mothers/parents/guardians are regularly reviewing and monitoring the areas specially where there are returned migrant workers and have been instructing them to observe their health and keep in quarantine themselves in their respective home during lockdown and report to us in case of any asymptomatic and viral symptoms. The beneficiaries and the villagers are also made aware and requested to follow the health guidelines issued by the Health Ministry and enhance the body's natural defense system (immunity) which plays an important role in maintaining optimum health

We are aware that COVID19 is an unprecedented pandemic and there are not enough models on ground with clear proof of evidence. Therefore, it is extremely important that the organization like ours should encouraged to use its available resources and capability to deliver in ground in coordination and complementing government initiatives and maintain the government guidelines, advisories and mandates.

Stay Home! Stay Safe! Save Lives!

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For more details, videos and photo glimpses please refer to our website: www.trinityfoundation.in & www.trinityfoundation.uk

List of documents enclosed: Letter to the PM, Payment Receipts & Letter from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

With Regards
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Founder & CEO