

COVID-19 Relief & Response Report

“The invisible virus has shown us that how one and self’s Life and Living is more important to protect and save other’s 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. The lockdown was followed in different phases with relaxation applied accordingly.

Trinity Foundation started its Relief Emergency Program from the very initial days, starting with the awareness program in our targeted project areas, before the lockdown with distribution of nutritious dry food kit to our beneficiaries and families and communities with emergency request of support from our funding partners.

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.

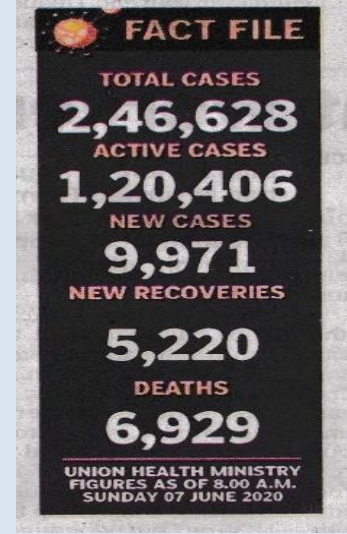
15th April 2020: Reported to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for the outreach program done so far, this is being updated in every 15 days.

15th May 2020: Second Report submitted to the MHA, Govt. of India as per the instruction.

19th May 2020: Trinity Foundation received letter from NITI AAYOG appeal to NGO for combat Covid-19.

On **30th May** it was announced that the ongoing lockdown would be further extended till 30th June in containment zone, with service resuming in phase manner starting from 8th June.

9th June 2020: West Bengal Chief Minister announced the extension of lockdown which was set to end on 15th June. The lockdown was extended with all existing relaxation and conditions still in place.



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खाद्यान्न वितरण करते अतिथि.

आदमा पहाड़ व पोखरी हिल वासियों में खाद्य सामग्री का वितरण

कालचीनी. अलीपुरदुआर जिले के कालचीनी प्रखंड स्थित भारत-भूटान सीमा पर बसे कई ऐसे दुर्गम पहाड़ी क्षेत्र हैं. जहाँ के लोग एकमात्र पर्यटन व किसी तरह खेती-बाड़ी करके अपना दिन गुजार करते हैं. वहाँ पहुँचने हेतु पैदल के अलावा दूसरा कोई विकल्प नहीं है. इसी बीच पूरे देश में लॉकडाउन लग जाने के वजह से पर्यटन उद्योग ठप पड़ गया. जिसके कारण क्षेत्र में निवास करने वाले पहाड़ियों की दशा बदहाल हो गई है. उनके ऊपर भोजन की समस्या है. जिसे देख शुक्रवार बिल्डिंग्स टू गेदर फाउंडेशन संगठन के और से बाक्सा पहाड़ के आदमा व पोखरी हिल वासियों के 170 परिवारों में भरपूर राहत सामग्री पहुँचाई गई. इस दौरान संगठन के सदस्य क्षेत्र में पैदल पहुँचकर उनमें चावल, आटा, दाल, आलू, बिस्कुट जैसे खाद्य सामग्री बाँटने का काम किया. कार्यक्रम में मुख्य तौर पर क्रिश्चियन माइनिस्ट्री कम्युनिटी के अलीपुरदुआर जिला सचिव कृष्णा बसुमाता, पास्टर लाल पिटर, उत्तरी ग्रामीण अस्पताल के चिकित्सक डॉ आकाश कुमार, दिलीप शर्मा, सौरभ गौर आदि उपस्थित रहे. इस विषय पर आयोजक की ओर से सौरभ गौर और कृष्णा बसुमाता ने बताया कि क्षेत्रवासी एकमात्र पर्यटन पर निर्भर रहा करते हैं परंतु लॉक डाउन के कारण इनका रोजी-रोजगार बंद पड़ा हुआ है. इन्हें खाने-पीने हेतु समस्या उत्पन्न हो रही थी. क्योंकि उन्हें किसी भी प्रकार की खाद्य सामग्री खरीदने हेतु खड़े पहाड़ से सैकड़ों फिट पैदल चलकर फिर वाहन से लगभग 20 किलोमीटर की दूरी तय करके कालचीनी बाजार आना-जाना पड़ता है. उन्होंने कहा कि इसीलिए आज यहाँ यह कार्यक्रम का आयोजन किया गया ताकि इन्हें थोड़ी सहायता मिल सके.

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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 for 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 with and 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 its targeted project 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 balanced diet of our children beneficiaries and the vulnerable group the following steps were taken with the planned strategies.

Trinity Foundation targeting vulnerable groups and most effected and needy by this pandemic with awareness, basic consumable goods and hygiene kits.



Awareness to our children beneficiaries

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

Due to lockdown our children beneficiaries are deprived of classroom education and already running nutritious 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.

NB : According to the announcement by Union HRD Minister, the schools are likely to open after mid of August if the situation is conducive. As most of the schools have shifted to the digital platform of education, our underprivileged children beneficiaries are lacking behind as they do not have access to internet connection or no modern means of technology. We fear that this crisis can somehow bring educational disparity in the coming days.



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 has lost their jobs. There is mass exodus of the migrant laborers to our targeted areas.

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.

There are over 200 tea gardens in North Bengal which supports more than 2.5 lakh workers. When the Chief Minister of West Bengal gave the nod to open the tea gardens with 15% of the workers working at a time, our organization has been continuously spreading awareness to maintain social distance, sanitize on a regular basis and to eat healthy in order to maintain ones immunity.

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 national crisis and chaos.

Villagers Practicing Social Distancing

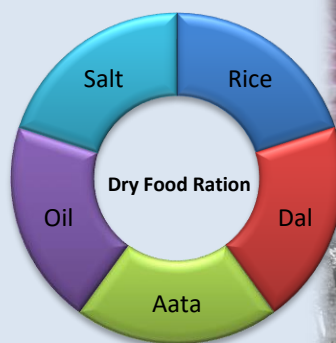
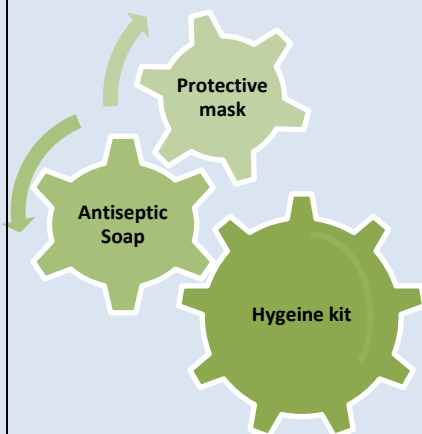


Highlights from the Ground

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 with support of our funding partners.

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 end of May,, 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.



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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 attain 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:

As Trinity Foundation has the project to look after the children of Sex Workers and Children are in safe custody of the Trinity Foundation. Love and Hope Project which works with the children of sex workers, supported the sex workers in the area of Khalpara, Islampur and Panjipara; with the help of our supporting partner Love and Hope, Sweden.

However, these targeted communities hit by lockdown are among those from the informal sectors who are struggling to survive with no income for their livelihood. Trinity Foundation after successful conduct of awareness programs including advised for practice social distancing, hygiene. 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.



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+	Sex Workers & Families

Funding Partners	Support Received
Stifelsen Global Aid, Norway	667810
Giving Works Foundation, UK	321445
Love and Hope, Sweden	119,202
Total Relief & Response Exp.	11,08,457



The generous support from our Supporting Partners till date is Rs.11, 08,457/- 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.

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.

As we are mindful of the situation, we are continuing with our nutritional program for our children beneficiaries and their families. Trinity Foundation has requested for support to our existing supporting partners. In the mean time the project of Trent Limited Star & Diya Project, which was approved in the month of March-2020, but due to unprecedented and disrupted situation the support could not be disbursed and Trinity Foundation would follow up with the supporting partner Trent Limited to seek the possibility for disbursement of support when it needed the most at this juncture.

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.

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Stay Home! Stay Safe! Save Lives!

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

With Regards
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