

The Tidings



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Emboldening Way Forward...
What's Inside.**

1. Life Skill Training
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**Life Skill Training -
Coping with Covid-19**
60 children were taught life skills and awareness regarding pandemic through fun activities.



R.Keerthana, 11years, 7th std
"During quarantine time we played snake and ladder game which taught us best practices and coping mechanism of COVID-19. We played with our masks. It gave me a chance to laugh, play and run after a long time. It relieved me from lot of stress".

MICRO CLASSES



Since the schools are shut down due to lock down, children were motivated to study at home. With the support of community volunteers 168 children who are in 10th and 12th standard were identified. Many of these children did not have an opportunity to attend online classes. Each volunteer was linked with 10 children for follow up. They exchanged books from pervious 12th and 10th standard children. They also helped in clearing doubts.

1 TO 1 MENTORING

78 volunteers from different streams were connected with 78 children who were from the slum community of North Chennai. They spoke to each other which was very relieving as they got someone to share their stress and difficulties during the lockdown. Children were motivated to focus on their ambitions during the quarantine which they found very useful and effective.



R. Hemamalini, 20 years



"Anitha ma'am was my volunteer and she was a health healer. First when she interacted, she asked about my family and friends. She was very friendly. We spoke about the ambitions we had and my ambition is to become an account manager. It really boosted me up to continue my studies. Later, she asked me to talk in English and she corrected me when I was wrong. "

"I feel like I learnt something from her and it was so refreshing and motivational for me. "

AWARENESS THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA

Special training was given to the children on creating short films through UNICEF. 25 children made 7 one minute awareness video about safety measures and discrimination which was posted in UNICEF India Tik Tok page. It got around 2 million Tik Tok views.



Counseling

Counseling was provided through mobile calls to children, adolescents, youth and women who needed psycho-social support during this pandemic.

R. Mala, 40 years, Korukupett says-

"I thought of committing suicide, and I was crying from morning as I didn't have any money. My neighbours came and consoled me and gave my children some food. Later that afternoon, a volunteer from Arunodhaya came and saw me. She spoke to me which was very comforting. I was also supported with Rs 5000 cash amount to feed my children. I was so happy that day, even today when I think of that day I feel like crying. It was really helpful for me and my family.



Awareness and Health

Arunodhaya with the help of support groups and community volunteers ensured that all families are safe and reach to doctor in case of COVID-19 symptoms. 178 Community volunteers, women members and youth members volunteered with Greater Chennai Corporation through Arunodhaya to raise awareness on COVID-19. Door to door intervention, awareness through IEC materials, rally, street play and mime was done to promote best practises. 49 slums, 26,493 families were reached through this program. Through this intervention 555 positive cases were identified and treated. Community members improved best practices like wearing mask, staying indoor and improved self-care.



RELIEF

- With the help of funds raised locally Arunodhaya provided immediate support to 2500 families with provision materials needed for a month.
- We were able to provide cash benefit to 51 very deserving single women who were doing business, to compensate for the loss of wages.



Around 46 communities volunteers (Arunodhaya SHGs, youth members, children sangam members) helped in the distribution of provisions during the pandemic to tribals, migrants, single women, ragpickers, fishing community, graveyard workers, parrot astrologers, homeless community etc.

R. Saravanan, 14 years, Member of Arunodhaya Children Sangam



He met 5 families who were suffering for one square meal a day. He gave the names of these deserving families to Arunodhaya and they Provided the families with dry ration for a month.

"Saravanan is happy to know that the children in these families are having a good meal"

S. RAKAH, 48 YEARS, MIGRANT, KORUKKUPET, SAYS-

"THERE ARE 35 FAMILIES WHO CAME FROM RAJASTHAN TO HERE FOR OUR LIVELIHOOD. WE USED TO SELL DOLLS MADE WITH CLAY AND WE WERE TAKING CARE OF OUR FAMILY. DUE TO LOCK DOWN WE COULDN'T GET ANY INCOME. ALL OF US WERE STARVING. NOW AND THEN SOME PEOPLE CAME AND GAVE US RICE. WE USED TO MAKE PORRIDGE FOR ALL THE FAMILIES TOGETHER AND EAT. WE DIDN'T THINK OF GOING BACK TO RAJASTHAN AS THE SITUATION IS EVEN WORSE THERE. IT WAS IN THIS SITUATION ARUNODHAYA SENT VOLUNTEER TO ENQUIRE ABOUT US. WE WERE RELIEVED AND WE HAD HOPED THAT WE WILL GET SOMETHING. FOR ALL 35 FAMILIES, RATIONS, MASK AND EVERYTHING WAS GIVEN. THAT DAY EVERYONE WENT, COOKED IN THEIR HOUSE AND WE ATE. THANKS YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING US WITH SUCH A BOUNTEOUSNESS. "

