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SOCIETY FOR POOR PEOPLE DEVELOPMENT (SPPD)

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Secretary Note:

During the year our major focus only could be only on disaster management to provide relief to the pandemic hit masses. SPPD had the opportunity to help the members of the most deserving sections of the society and thus mitigation of sufferings of the members of communities severely hit by the lockdown corona pandemic caused measures formed the major part of the interventions of SPPD during the year of 2022-2023.

Though the entire population of our working areas had been badly affected by the impacts of Corona induced lockdown, some of the sections suffered very badly. The Migrant laborers both inter- state and the inter district migrant laborers, the daily wagers of different kinds of work, small vendors and workers of small-scale units bore the brunt. Relief materials comprising of food rations in varied combos were distributed to the members of the families of the above-mentioned sections.

The Hungry Child project was one of the major interventions that helped a good number children for many months during the crisis filled year. By fulfilling the nutritional needs of the poor children, we could prevent many social evils such as child labor and child marriage. I take this opportunity to thank all our partners in particular the Give India, the Alumni of IIT and NIIT and all the individual donors. We only look forward to a better next year.

The interventions during the year by SPPD are given hereunder.



J.RAJU SECRETARY, SPPD

The most fortunate children who could avail the golden Nutrition Kits!

The reporting period of around six months, since the month of January to June 2022 was full of happy movements for the team members of SPPD. The nutrition kits sponsored by the kind hearted donors of Give India were being distributed to around 1344 children every month.

Apart from fulfilling the nutritional needs, some of the components of the nutrition kits, such as the date fruits and nutritional mix went a long way in satisfying the craving of children for sweets as well.

The distribution of the nutrition kits took place in the venues at the centralized locations of the respective regions of the villages of Musiri block, Trichirapalli city, and Pudukottai district.

Prior to the distribution of the nutrition kits the dates of the distribution and its venue were intimated in advance to the families of the children by telephone calls.

As many as 970 Children belonging to the villages in the radius of 50 kilo meters received the nutrition kits in and around Musiri block in the SPPD campus. Similarly, 144 of children of Trichirapalli city corporation limit and a total of 230 children of Keeranur block of Pudukottai district during the reporting period in the venues easily accessible and centralized spots of the respective localities.

Every month post distribution of the nutrition kits, the SPPD team members made visits to every beneficiary child's home to get to know how the nutrition kits were utilized and its benefits to the children. Similarly, visits were made to the schools to ensure attendance of the children.

As the reporting period happened to be the post covid time and the communities were just struggling to come out of the severe impacts of the pandemic. The long-time closure of schools due to pandemic had made some of the parents hesitant to send their children back to school.

SPPD took maximum care to ensure the children to continue their schooling after the long gap caused by the pandemic making use of the distribution of nutrition kits. This is because children got enormously benefited from the nutrition kits.

Continuous monitoring and counseling of the parents and children who were reluctant to send back their children were carried out by our team members to prevent any drop out of them from the school.

The evils of child labor and child marriage were looming large. And a small number of the parents had resorted to the same in the region in the face of severe loss of livelihood during the pandemic period. They could be convinced easily to continue with their studies.

The girl children were vulnerable to child marriage and both boys and girls to child labour. Thus, during the peak of pandemic time, the risk of children becoming victims of these evils proved to be the challenges in carrying forward the will and the objective to keep the children healthy and happy. This spirit was needed to be continued.

And distribution of nutrition kits proved to be bargaining tools in our efforts towards preventing the parents of children from the inclination towards pushing the children in to child labour and child marriage.

Thus, our ensuring all the nutrition kit recipient children to get back to their schools in itself is a big achievement and milestone. Similarly preventing a good number of them from falling in to the evils of child labor and child marriage could be termed an achievement both pre and post covid period that falls in the reporting period. For all these good things the donors of the nutrition kits and Give India need to be thanked.

The goal of SPPD for the coming 6 months period is to see all these 1344 children continue their studies without any break. And keeping them physically and mentally healthy is our aim.

Dhamarai Selvi is 15 years old and is studying 10th grade. Her father Selvaraj and mother Ranjitham are daily wagers. The pandemic situation has had a telling effect on the livelihood of the family.

In their house there is no electricity as they are not able to pay for the electricity consumption charges. Hence following tv channel lessons itself was not possible for Dhamarai Selvi.

When her school remained closed for a long time due to the pandemic she used to help in grazing the goats. Dhamarai Selvi loves sports such as kho kho and Kabaddi.

She studies hard for the 10th board exams. In these circumstances the nutrition food kit given by Give India goes a long way in helping her to keep her health. And hence the family thanks the sponsors of Give India and SPPD.

Lavanya is 12 years old and is studying 7th grade. The family has five members apart from her father and mother she has two siblings an elder sister and an elder brother in the family.

She likes the language subject of Tamil and wants to become a doctor in future.

During these pandemic times her parents too have lost their livelihood very badly. And hence maintaining the family of five members is an uphill task for them. In such circumstances the nutrition kits given by Give India every month has proved to be extremely beneficial for Lavanya.

She loves to relish the cakes made by her mother from the finger millet flour given as part of the nutrition food kit. So, the family thanks Give India and SPPD for the big help.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIAL SUPPORT

The objective of this programme was to encourage children from very poor background with their education and to reduce the early school drop-outs due to financial background.

With the support of **Give** and home donors, **352** students have received this educational material support.

GIVE 2 ASIA – Educational Material Support

In order to ensure wholistic personality development of the children apart from offering tutorial assistance to the kids in their after-school home tasks, focus on life skill development and extracurricular activities form the other major activities of the in these Supplement Education Centers.

- ➤ To encourage and induce the children of the target villages whose education and overall personality development that has been badly hit by the pandemic to be back at school.
- > To ensure to provide the required after school tutorial assistance to the children who have gone behind in academic abilities due to the long pandemic conditions.
- ➤ To strive to bring about positive attitudinal change among the children to beat the blues and sluggishness caused by the pandemic situation.
- To ensure the physical and psychological health of the rural children in general post pandemic.

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT PROGRMME

The activities of women empowerment were carried out during the year without serious lacunae despite some difficulties were faced by the members in transportation. During the year as part of this intervention income generation and small entrepreneurial ventures were initiated by the women members of the Self-Help Groups promoted by SPPD in our target villages.

Through promoting self-help group, SPPD has contributed to improving the overall status of women in terms of income, empowerment, welfare, etc. Another important feature of self-help groups has been the establishment of links between self-help groups and commercial banks. Loans are provided to the groups on low interest rates. Recovery rates on the loans stand at 99%.

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| Mrs.M.Helen Rose | Female | 26.08.2018 | Executive Member |
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