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कोरोना से

आपदा के समय थामे रहें एक-दूसरे
का साथ, बने रहे हमेशा सतर्क

Won't be afraid,
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WE ARE ALERT. WE ARE TOGETHER, AND WE
WILL MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER.



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हम बोले दुनिया सुने...

दोस्तो

हम-आप, हमारे रेनबो होम्स, हमारे शहर, हमारे देश ही ने नहीं, पूरी दुनिया ने ऐसा संकट नहीं देखा। कोविड -19 ने पूरी दुनिया को झकझोर कर रखा दिया। सारी व्यवस्थाओं को उलट-पुलट दिया। अभी तक हमें जो स्वस्थ रहने के लिए जरूरी बताया जाता था—टहलना-घूमना-दौड़ना-खेलना—सब पर लॉकडाउन लग गया। कोई अंदर से बाहर नहीं, कोई बाहर से अंदर नहीं—सारी दुनिया को चाहरदीवारी में समेट दिया गया। बच्चों के लिए इससे बड़ी सजा और क्या हो सकती है! नौजवानों के लिए इससे बड़ा दुख और क्या हो सकता है कि हम एक-दूसरे से मिले नहीं! और उस पर भी सबसे बड़ी मुश्किल यह कि नए-नए शब्द सामने आए और सभी लोग बिना इसके असर के बारे में सोचे हुए उनका इस्तेमाल करने लगे। ऐसा ही एक शब्द आया—सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग (Social distancing) यानी सामाजिक रूप से दूरी बनाना। गरीबों-बेघरों के लिए यह शब्द एक करार मजाक है। जिनके पास घर नहीं, जो बेघर हैं—जैसे कि हमारे अधिकतर परिजन—वे कहाँ रहेंगे! आप सबको घरों में रहने को कह रहे हैं, लेकिन जिनके घर ही एक कमरे के हैं जिनमें सात से आठ लोग रहते हैं—वे कैसे 24 घंटे घर के भीतर कैद रह सकते हैं। हमारी बस्तियाँ, जहाँ हमारे लोग रहते हैं वहाँ बहुत भीड़ होती है, छोटे-छोटे इलाके में बहुत लोग रहते हैं—ऐसे में वहाँ सोशल डिस्टेंसिंग कैसे हो सकती है।



वैसे भी सामाजिक दूरी कितना खतरनाक शब्द है! हमारे समाज में सामाजिक रूप से ऐसे ही जात-पात, अमीर-गरीब, स्त्री-पुरुष, सेक्सुअलिटी को लेकर इतने ज्यादा भेद हैं। ऐसे में शारीरिक रूप से दूरी बनानी, यानी Physical Distancing तो समझ में आता है कि हम दूरी बनाए रखें, ताकि वायरस न फैले—लेकिन सामाजिक रूप से, सुख-दुख में, तो हमें अधिक जुड़ा होना चाहिए। ये सारी प्रैक्टिकल बातें कौन सामने रखेगा—जब देश ताली-थाली बजाने में मग्न है।

एक और बहुत जरूरी बात जो इस कोरोना काल में हमने बहुत सफलतापूर्वक दुनिया के सामने रखी, वह यह कि परिवार का अर्थ क्या होता है। हमें सबने कहा कि बच्चे अपने घर जाएं, उन्हें अपने माता-पिता या परिजनों के पास भेज देना चाहिए, लेकिन रेनबो होम्स ने उसका कड़ा विरोध किया। हमने कहा कि हम ही परिवार हैं—रेनबो होम्स एक परिवार है और इस परिवार में सब सुरक्षित हैं और रहेंगे। यह हमारे बर्क के साथ इस चुनौती पर विजय हासिल की है। हमारा दावा है, अगर आपको देखना है कि इस जानलेवा वायरस से समूह में कैसे लड़ा जाता है, तो रेनबो होम्स आओ, हम आपको भी देंगे हौसला। है न!

हम लड़ेंगे, हम जीतेंगे !!!

We speak world listens

Friends

Not only us, our Home, our city, or our country, but the entire world had been blindsided by this pandemic. COVID-19 has shook the world to its very core. Everything has been turned upside down. Till now, all activities, that we were told are healthy—walking, running, playing outdoors—have been locked down. An attempt is being made to limit our world within four walls. What can be the bigger punishment for the kids than this! Nothing is more heartbreaking for the young ones than not being able to meet each other. Above all this, the biggest problem is the coining of new terms and people are using these terms without even understanding their effects and dynamics. see an example, a term that is being used a lot, is 'Social Distancing', meaning distancing yourself socially from others. For the poor and homeless, this is a cruel joke. Those who do not have shelters above their heads, are homeless—like majority of our family members—where will they go now? We have all been asked to remain inside our homes, but what about those, for whom their one room is the entire home and is shared by seven-eight other people? How can they keep

themselves locked-up inside whole day? Our slums, where our people live, are extremely crowded, small localities are filled with people- how can there be social distancing in situations like these? The word, 'social distancing', in itself is so dangerous. Our society is already fragmented between castes, religions, rich and poor, females and males, and people of different sexualities. Physical distancing is still understandable and more appropriate, as we are required to maintain some physical distance to avoid the spreading of virus- but socially, we need to be more united. But who will put these practical arguments forward, when our nation is busy clapping and banging plates!

Another important thing that we have put forward to the world during this Corona era is, what a family really means. We were continuously told that we should send the kids back to their parents or their families, but Rainbow Homes strongly protested against it. Rainbow Homes is a family and everyone is safe and happy in this family. This was the biggest challenge for us but, with our brilliant team work, we were able to overcome this. If anyone wants to see how can we fight together against a deadly virus, they should come to Rainbow Homes. We will show you, isn't it!

WE SHALL FIGHT, WE SHALL WIN!!!

Imar

Chennai Team

WHEN ALL JOINED TOGETHER FOR HELPING THE NEEDY



Children preparing food packets to be distributed to the homeless.

supplying food to the homeless, would mean using up this stock faster than planned. When the children were asked if they were fine with us using up the stock originally meant for them, they were more than willing to share their food with others in dire need. This was heartening to see at a time when we witnessed the more privileged population engaging in panic buying, wiping out shelves of super markets.

Thus, the staff made plans to distribute 75 food packets the next day. Children say “Let’s make it 100. We’ll manage.” This act of contribution by Rainbow Homes has helped children grow in social consciousness and gain awareness on the issues faced by the lower income groups in the country. Till date, 1800 packets of cooked food has been distributed to the homeless in Chennai.

One for my mother please!



Food packets being distributed to homeless.

It’s a busy morning. There is hustle bustle in AMJ rainbow home in Chennai. Sneha Sathis are busy preparing food for the homeless population in Chennai. Young adults are helping pack the cooked food into small packets. A volunteer is about to reach the home to collect all the packets. One girl, Satya, watches the food being handed over to the volunteer. She looks deep in thought about something. Just as the volunteer is about to leave, she rushes out and mutters “If you go by High Court side, give one packet to my mother. She lives there in a tent.” Thus starts the elaborated process of distributing provisions to all families of children living in Rainbow Homes. Provisions for a month worth 4.2 lakhs have been distributed in total to 169 families so far.

Distancing physically, connecting emotionally

A mother visits the Rainbow Home to collect provisions. She is about to receive a month’s provisions from Rainbow Homes, to compensate for the loss of income during the lockdown. Her child is inside the Home playing with other children. Due to social distancing norms, she is not allowed to enter the Home. She longs to see her child, but understands the risks. In a distance, she hears the child. She looks up and sees him waving to her from the 2nd floor. She smiles widely and asks how is he doing. The kid’s response brings tears to her, “I’m fine. You eat well and take care.”



A child waving to his mother

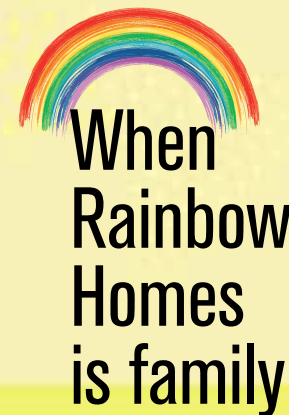
She is happy to have seen her baby, waves goodbye and leaves with a lot more than just provisions, her child’s love!

Panic buying vs pure benevolence

Chennai corporation has converted its community halls across the city into shelter homes for thousands of migrants and families living on the streets. In its quest to feed these migrants, Chennai corporation and the Revenue Department of Tamil Nadu approached Rainbow homes to supply cooked food packets on a daily basis till the lockdown is in place.

The State Program Manager video calls children at the homes and asks the children about what should be done. Children, without thinking twice, immediately say “Let’s give them food!”

In the event of nation-wide lockdown being announced, two month’s worth essential supplies were stocked up at the Rainbow Homes to ensure children get continuous supply of proper nutrition. However,



Amidst lockdown, it was challenging to distribute provisions to families. To those residing far away from the Home, volunteer support from other organisations was sought to distribute the provisions. In Kannagi Nagar, 23 Kms from the Home, 10 families wait for better food. The Rainbow Home staff makes some arrangements to somehow distribute essentials to these families. An older girl, who passed out from Rainbow Homes few years back, received the provisions. A mother of a 2 year old was terminally affected by TB. Doctors recommended ventilator support costing 45000 INR, that costs way more than she can afford. She says “I can’t afford that much, I’m prepared for the worse. Please just take care of my child and my 72 year old mother after I’m gone.” She passed away with the trust that Rainbow Homes will look after her family.

Rainbow Home's response to the pandemic



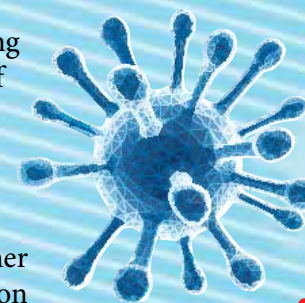
The coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which has been characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO) has engulfed almost every country including India, threatening human lives, jeopardizing economy, and inflicting unprecedented pain and agony in the families. Prime Minister of India declared countrywide complete lockdown from the midnight of 24th March with a notice period of just less than four hours followed by the Janata Curfew on 22nd March, to check the spread of covid-19 infections. The entire country came to standstill causing unimaginable and unprecedented disruption and misery towards homeless communities, beggars, rag pickers, street vendors, street children, slum dwellers, daily wage workers, domestic workers, farmers, people working in various unorganized work sectors, industries and factories, migrants' workers.



homes of their families and relatives. Understanding the vulnerabilities of the children, Supreme Court made Suo Moto writ petition and directed the state governments and nodal departments dated 3rd April 2020 to take proactive measures. The direction inter alia stated the Person in Charge of the CCIs and all other staff working in the CCIs shall proactively and diligently take all necessary steps to keep the children safe from the risk of harm arising out of COVID-19 and it should be done in the best interest of the child but pressurization continued in some places.

Rainbow Homes with more than 50 Rainbow Homes and Sneh Ghars, tried its best to keep all the children at the Rainbow Homes except for a few whom their parents took away influenced by various rumours. To deal with COVID pandemic and keep the children and home team protected from the deadly virus, the senior team members of Rainbow Foundation India had a series

of discussions and deliberation starting from the first week of the month of March. Among the important decisions were cancellation of all travels by the non-residential staff members, sharing of essential information on pandemic with the children and other team members, developing a common guideline for all, maintaining of sufficient stock of food materials and other things to meet the necessary needs for at least one month including cash balances. Since most of the children's families were already among the worst affected groups due to lockdown, Rainbow Home team also agreed to extend some support in the form of distribution of cooked meals, dry rations, masks and other such things to the children's parents and other homeless and marginalized communities in the neighborhood and other places. Facing difficulties, some families those took their children to their homes also started sending them back. Keeping this situation in mind every homes prepared a quarantine centre either at the same premises or somewhere close. RFI also planned to make a situational analysis of the children's families by conducting a telephonic sample survey with the help of the volunteers.



of advance funds for a period of three months to its respective state offices. Teams were able to procure necessary amount of dry ration and other essential items.

Guidelines for clarity and confidence

Knowledge Development Dissemination Centre (KDDC) team shouldered responsibility of sharing the essential information relating to COVID-19. The team developed various IEC materials and guided the state team and home team members on health and hygiene issues and on conducting regular health checkups, exercise, and other hygienic practices. They also developed some common guidelines on wearing of masks, regular hand sanitization, physical distancing, cleanliness etc as a precautionary and preventive measures. KDDC team also developed a poster series titled "Care in the times of Corona" and shared with all the homes across and oriented them.

Health care and hygiene practices at homes

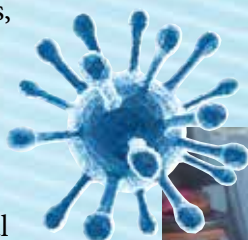
As an effort to keep up the physical development needs, children in each home have been engaged physically with morning yoga and meditation sessions, free-play time in the evenings, dance sessions etc. Doctors are consulted online or over phone in cases. As part of the hygiene practices, all children and team members in the homes have been supplied with masks, thermometers, sanitizers, soaps/hand wash, cleaning materials etc. either from the local donations of from organization's resources to avoid exposure to infection.

Ensuring adequate finances and stock

Considering volatile nature of the banks during lockdown, Rainbow Homes Program national office Finance Team disbursed the required amount

Ensuring continued educational activities

After the announcement of the lockdown, children stopped going to school, the outside teachers/coach stopped coming to homes for taking tuitions and for conducting extracurricular activities, hence, adversely affecting the normal education schedule of the children. To ensure social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development of the children, alternative ways of engaging them children over



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and above academic activities were devised. Besides, value-based movies, documentaries/short films on themes like, justice, honesty, love, joy, etc were screened.

Supporting young adults outside

Ensuring shelter and food security: Many of our young adults (YAs) those above 18 years of age, who were living outside Rainbow Homes, in various living arrangements like hostels/training institutes, paying guest or rented accommodations were severely affected after the announcement of lockdown. They were supported with food, rent and other essential services such as medicine expenses, mobile recharge etc.

Extending solidarity to homeless: As a solidarity measure, RFI has tried to support homeless communities, migrant labourers and families of poor single women in some cities by distributing hot cooked meals and/or raw materials with the help of representative of civil societies or volunteers. The areas and hotspot of homeless communities were identified by the non-residential team members across all cities to extend supports with cooked meals or dry rations.

Quarantining children coming back from families: Children who went back to their families

started coming slowly to homes in all cities since their parents were struggling to feed them. Medical screening and quarantining of such children away from the children living in the homes for two weeks was critical so that other children and staff in the homes can be prevented from possibility of infection.

Analysing plan for future interventions

A need assessment exercise was organised to understand the challenges of the families of our children in terms of food security, housing and living condition, hygiene and sanitation facilities, economic distress and unemployment, fear of uncertainty, hunger etc. The team also felt the importance of understanding instances of domestic violence and abuse which increased manifold during the lockdown period. Due to lockdown, the on-ground assessment of families' situation was planned to be done through a rapid telephonic survey of over 20% parents in 9 cities, that was, 674 families. A questionnaire was developed pertaining to few basic sectors viz, food availability, shelter/accommodations, health conditions, livelihoods and abuse incidences.

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लॉकडाउन लागू कर दिया। देश का चक्का मानो थम गया। इसका बेघर लोगों, भीख मांगकर गुजारा करने वालों, कूड़ा बीनने वालों, रेहड़ी-पटरी वालों, फुटपाथ पर रहने वाले बच्चों, असंगठित क्षेत्र में काम करने वाले लोगों और प्रवासी श्रमिकों पर खासा प्रतिकूल असर पड़ा।

बच्चों की देखरेख में लगी संस्थाओं को पहले स्थानीय अधिकारियों ने लॉकडाउन में अपने प्रतिष्ठान बंद करके बच्चों



को उनके परिवारों को भेज देने के लिए कहा। इसी सिलसिले में दबाव बनाने के लिए स्थानीय अधिकारी रेनबो होम्स व स्नेह घरों में भी गए। लेकिन हमारी टीम दबाव में नहीं आई और उन्होंने बच्चों को अपने पास ही रखा। उन्हें पता था कि बच्चे अपने घरों की तुलना में रेनबो होम्स व स्नेह घरों में ज्यादा सुरक्षित थे। उधर इन बच्चों की स्थिति का स्वतः संज्ञान लेते हुए सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने राज्य सरकारों व नोडल विभागों को 3 अप्रैल तक समुचित कदम उठाने को कहा। निर्देश में सभी बाल कल्याण संस्थाओं से यह भी कहा गया कि वे बच्चों को कोविड-19 से बचाने के लिए सभी जरूरी कदम उठाएं। हालांकि सुप्रीम कोर्ट के निर्देश के बावजूद कई जगह दबाव बना रहा।

रेनबो होम व स्नेह घरों में कोशिश की गई कि सभी बच्चों को अपने साथ ही बनाए रखा जाए। हालांकि कुछ माता-पिता व अभिभावक ऐसे थे जो कुछ अफवाहों के चक्कर में पड़कर बच्चों को अपने घर ले गए। बच्चों व उनके देखरेख में लगी समूची टीम को वायरस से सुरक्षित रखने के लिए रेनबो फाउंडेशन ऑफ इंडिया की टीम के वरिष्ठ सदस्यों की बैठक मार्च में हुई थी। इसमें जो अहम फैसले हुए उसमें उसमें टीम के सदस्यों के आने-जाने पर रोक लगाना, बच्चों व टीम के सदस्यों से महामारी को लेकर सारी सूचना साझा करना, सबके लिए दिशानिर्देश तैयार करना और भोजन व सभी जरूरी सामान को पर्याप्त स्टॉक रखना शामिल थे। यह ध्यान में रखते हुए कि बैंकों का काम भी इस दौरान अनियमित था, सभी होम को पर्याप्त एडवांस फंड उपलब्ध कराए गए ताकि वे सूखा राशन खरीद कर रख सकें।

होम में रहने वाले बच्चों के परिवार पहले से ही कमजोर वर्गों से हैं, इसलिए उन्हें भी इस मुश्किल दौर में राशन, भोजन आदि की मदद पहुंचाने की तैयारी की गई। जैसा कि अंदेशा था, जो परिवार अपने बच्चों को घर लेकर चले गए थे, वे भी मुश्किलें बढ़ने पर उन्हें

वापस भेजने लगे। इस स्थिति के मद्देनजर हर होम में क्वारंटीन सेंटर तैयार किए गए ताकि घर से लौटकर आने वाले बच्चों को वहां रखा जा सके। सबकी सेहत को ध्यान में रखते हुए यह जरूरी था। स्थिति का जमीनी आकलन करने के लिए बच्चों के परिवारों से टेलीफोन पर एक सैंपल सर्वे भी किया गया।

सभी होम, स्टेट टीम को कोविड-19 के बारे में जरूरी जानकारी उपलब्ध कराई गई और साफ-सफाई, नियमित स्वास्थ्य जांच, व्यायाम और स्वच्छता के बाकी कदमों के बारे में अवगत कराया गया। मास्क पहनने, हाथ सैनेटाइज करने व शारीरिक दूरी बनाए रखने आदि के बारे में साझे दिशानिर्देश भी तैयार किए गए। च्कोरोना काल में देखरेख नाम से पोस्टर्स की एक श्रृंखला तैयार करके सभी जगह भेजी गई। सभी होम में मास्क, सैनेटाइजर, थर्मामीटर, साबुन, सफाई की सामग्री आदि पर्याप्त मात्रा में उपलब्ध कराए गए।

योग-व्यायाम के समय तय हुए, डॉक्टरों से नियमित संपर्क रखा जाने लगा।

चूँकि लॉकडाउन के कारण बच्चों के स्कूल बंद हो गए, होम में आने वाले कोच व शिक्षकों ने भी आना रोक दिया तो बच्चों की नियमित दिनचर्या पर असर पड़ना स्वाभाविक था। इसलिए बच्चों के लिए बाकी गतिविधियां तैयार की गई ताकि उनके विकास में कोई रुकावट न आए और सीखने की प्रक्रिया न रुके।

एक और अहम बात थी रेनबो होम से जुड़े उन युवाओं की मदद करना जो होम से बाहर पीजी या हॉस्टल या किराये के मकानों में रह रहे थे। लॉकडाउन का उनपर भी काफी प्रतिकूल असर पड़ा। उन्हें भोजन, किराये, दवाई के खर्च, मोबाइल रिचार्ज आदि के लिए मदद उपलब्ध कराई गई। आरएफआई ने इसके अलावा भी अपने नेटवर्क के जरिये या पिर साथी संगठनों की मदद से बेघर लोगों, प्रवासी श्रमिकों व अकेली महिलाओं के परिवारों को हर तरह से सहायता देने की कोशिश की है। लॉकडाउन के कारण पैदा होने वाली बाकी स्थितियों, खास तौर पर कमजोर वर्गों के परिवारों में, को भी समझकर उनसे निबटने के तरीकों पर विचार किया गया है।

डॉ. बनमाली मोंत्री

मैनेजर-एडवोकेसी, रेनबो होम्स प्रोग्राम-अरुण



महामारी से निबटने की रेनबो होम्स की तैयारी

कोरोना वायरस महामारी ने भारत समेत दुनिया के तकरीबन हर देश को अपनी गिरफ्त में ले लिया है। इससे इनसानी जिंदगियां खतरे में पड़ी हैं, अर्थव्यवस्थाएं चौपट हो गई हैं और लोगों को बेइंतहा तकलीफें झेलनी पड़ी हैं। भारत सरकार ने कोविड-19 को फैलने से रोकने के लिए लोगों को तैयारी का वक्त दिए बगैर 24 मार्च की आधी रात से देशभर में

Delhi Team

AN EFFECTIVE PLAN WAS INTRODUCED

It was a timely help



When the distribution team handed over the ration to me, I was elated. I told them how I had been really worried thinking how they were going to survive through this lockdown. Sometimes, we would borrow some money from our neighbours. When I got a call from one of the Kilkari home's field worker, Poonam Ji, she told me that they have been distributing ration to the families of children who are currently staying in the homes. I

was speechless for a while as I didn't know how to respond. I thanked Poonam ji and told her that her call was like a blessing from God. During the lockdown, I have spoken talked to my sisters, who live in Kilkari home. They are doing well and are healthy. Both my sisters are very happy in the home.

Raju (Guardian)

समय पर मिली मदद

जब होम की टीम ने मुझे राशन पहुँचाया तो मुझे बहुत खुशी हुई। मैंने उन्हें बताया कि मैं यह सोचकर काफी परेशान था कि इस लॉकडाउन के दौरान हम कैसे काम चलाएँगे। हम तो कई बार पड़ोसियों से भी उधार लेना पड़ रहा था। मेरे पास किलकारी होम की फ़ोन वरकर का फ़ोन आया था कि वे उन बच्चों के परिवारों को भी मदद पहुँचा रहे हैं जो इस समय होम में रह रहे हैं। मैं इतना खुश हुआ कि मुझे उनका शुक्रिया कहने के लिए शब्द नहीं मिले। इस दौरान मैंने अपनी बहनों से भी बात की जो किलकारी होम में रह रही हैं। वे दोनों ही वहाँ काफी खुश हैं।



We were able to handle it well



When the lockdown started, I was very worried about my family. I didn't know when I will be able to meet them. But on the other hand, I have a responsibility to serve the children at the Home, who are also like my family. Being a residential staff, I have my own set of responsibilities towards the children. I was emotionally and mentally prepared for this situation and was able to handle it well.

Shweta, Home manager, Delhi

अच्छे से संभाला

लॉकडाउन जब शुरू हुआ तो मैं अपने परिवार को लेकर काफी चिंतित थी। मुझे बिलकुल पता नहीं था कि मैं उनके तब जाकर मिल पाऊँगी। लेकिन दूसरी तरफ़ मेरे पास मेरे होम के बच्चों की भी ज़िम्मेदारी थी। वे भी मेरे लिए मेरा ही परिवार हैं। मैं इस स्थिति से निबटने के लिए मानसिक रूप से तैयार थी और मुझे इस बात का संतोष है कि हम सही तरीके से उसका सामना करने में सफल रहे।

Supportive Team



When the lockdown was announced, I, as a coordinator, sat with my team and together we formulated an effective plan to handle the situation. Our project incharge, Afsar sir, also gave his suggestions

on how to deal with the problem. I would like to especially thank our Delhi team and our residential staff who have been giving us their full support and helping us run the Home easily during such times. I have visited the home a few times during this lockdown. Zoom classes, online counseling sessions, CWC interaction with the team and children have been very helpful.

Sadiya, Coordinator, Delhi

टीम ने दिया साथ

लॉकडाउन शुरू होने पर मैंने अपनी टीम के साथ मीटिंग की और स्थिति से निबटने की योजना बनाई। हमारे प्रोजेक्ट इंचार्ज अफसर सर ने हमें सुझाव दिए। मैं अपनी पूरी टीम व स्टाफ़ का शुक्रिया अदा करूँगी कि उन्होंने मुश्किल समय में हमें पूरा सहयोग दिया।

Creating a smooth momentum

Announcement of the lockdown was quite a shock for me as I was very worried about how would I plan and make all the arrangements for the children at Home. Initially, it was a difficult task to manage the Home. But gradually, through our strong planning and collaborated team effort, we were able to create a smooth momentum. I, along with 15 other staff members, stayed at the Home. We engaged the children in indoor activities through zoom classes, counseling



sessions etc. Protocols and precautionary measures are taken care of. This has been a new and a learning experience. And I am glad that the children are well and satisfied.

Mohd. Noori, Coordinator, Delhi

काम की लय बनाकर रखी

लॉकडाउन की घोषणा से मुझे काफी झटका सा लगा था क्योंकि मुझे इस बात की चिंता हो गई थी कि होम में रहने वाले बच्चों के लिए किस तरह से सारे इंतज़ाम किए जाएँगे। यह एक बड़ी चुनौती थी। लेकिन धीरे-धीरे ठोस योजना और टीम वर्क की मदद से हम सारी



गतिविधियों की एक लय बनाने में कामयाब हुए। मैं और बाकी 15 स्टाफ़ मेंबर होम में ही रहे। हमने बच्चों की गतिविधियाँ संचालित की और उनके स्वास्थ्य का भी ध्यान रखा।

Pune Team



LEARNING TO LIVE WITH THE PANDEMIC



The COVID-19 pandemic, which started from China, created havoc across the globe, with millions getting infected and thousands dying, prompting the governments of every country to put up restrictions on activities and movement of people and even lockdown in many countries to contain the virus. Starting with the closure of schools, colleges, shopping malls, cinema and market places to industries and companies everything closed down.

With schools closed and all children in their homes, it was a huge responsibility to keep so many children safe, healthy, and more importantly, busy. We had planned for summer vacations but since schools closed early, all activities were cancelled.

First and foremost, touch less soap dispensers, sanitizers, water dispensers, soaps, IR thermometer were provided to us by state office of RFI in mid March, which turned out to be very useful. We did not allow any child to go home even after requests from some parents and convinced

them that children are safe here. We made sure that the children and the staff followed basic guidelines of hygiene:

- Daily checking of temperature for all the children
- Washing of hands with soap every two hours
- Only one staff was allowed to go out for buying things

NEW ROUTINE WAS FOLLOWED

Various activities were conducted to keep children busy, like watching movies twice a day, yoga, art, craft, story telling, studies etc. Elder children were



engaging smaller children with activities, and we kept connecting children via video calls. We started the summer camp also by engaging various volunteers online for helping children. We had sports competition for all children and made them to practice a play on corona, which they did beautifully.

- Online counseling from our counselor
- Fun and Learn with Science: Agastya Foundation sent us topics daily and children would complete and respond well to that. It was an interesting and fun learning experience.
- Pencil Sketch: For elder children we arranged for pencil sketch drawing classes, on how to make sketches,
- English Classes: We started the English classes mid-May, conducted by one of our old volunteers, divided the children according to their age and class.
- Support classes: We also started support classes by mid-May but only for children of 8th, 9th and 10th and for only Mathematics and Science only.
- School had made a WhatsApp group and

would send assignments for children and we would make them complete it.

Older children also learned the art of making food from Housemothers and made many special dishes and enjoyed the food preparation process. Though schools won't start at least before July or August, we are now in the process of starting online education. We had support from all the children who not only understood the situation but also helped us to make sure everything goes fine. It was a joint effort by children, staff and the entire RFI team and we hope to have the same amount of support in the future too. Since the pandemic won't end soon, we will somehow have to learn to live with it. Schools will open, people will go to work, children will start their schedule, but one must not forget that, no matter what, we will have to take all precautions as we have been taking till now.

Manish Shroff

Founder Director-New Vision
Project In-charge, Pune

महामारी के साथ जीना सीखना होगा

चीन से शुरू हुई कोरोना महामारी ने दुनिया भर में आफत मचा रखी है, लाखों लोग बीमारी का शिकार हो चुके हैं और हजारों की जान भा जा चुकी है। तमाम देशों ने लोगों के आने-जाने पर पाबंदियाँ लगा दी और लॉकडाउन लागू कर दिया। स्कूल, कॉलेज, शॉपिंग मॉल, सिनेमा व बाज़ार से लेकर तमाम इंडस्ट्री और दफ़तर बंद कर दिए गए। स्कूलों के बंद हो जाने से यह बहुत अहम हो गया था कि कैसे बच्चों को सुरक्षित व स्वस्थ रखा जाए और साथ-साथ उन्हें व्यस्त भी रखा जाए। हमने पहले तो गर्मियों की छुट्टियों की तैयारियाँ कर रखी थीं लेकिन स्कूलों के जल्दी बंद हो जाने से हमें अपनी सारी गतिविधियाँ भी बंद करनी पड़ीं।

हमें मार्च के महीने में ही रेनबो फ़ाउंडेशन के स्टेट ऑफिस से सोप डिस्पेंसर, सैनिटाइज़र, वाटर डिस्पेंसर, साबुन, इंपरारेड थर्मामीटर आदि मिल गए थे। ये सब हमारे लिए काफ़ी उपयोगी साबित हुए। हमने किसी बच्चे को घर नहीं जाने दिया। हालाँकि कई माता-पिता व अभिभावक बच्चों को घर बुलाना चाहते थे लेकिन हमने उन्हें भरोसा दिलाया कि बच्चे यहाँ सुरक्षित हैं। हमने यह भी सुनिश्चित किया कि बच्चे व सारा स्टाफ़ सफ़ाई व स्वच्छता संबंधी सभी बुनियादी दिशानिर्देशों का पालन करें। इसमें नियमित रूप से

हाथ धोना और बच्चों के स्वास्थ्य की नियमित रूप से जाँच करते रहना शामिल था। होम से बाहर ज़रूरी सामान लाने के लिए जाने की इजाज़त भी केवल स्टाफ़ को ही दी गई।

नई तरह की दिनचर्या

बच्चों को व्यस्त रखने के लिए कई तरह की गतिविधियाँ शुरू की गईं, जैसे कि रोज़ाना दो बार उन्हें उपयोगी फ़िल्में दिखाना, योग, आर्ट, क्राफ़्ट, कहानी सुनाना, और पढ़ाई भी। बड़े बच्चों को ज़िम्मेदारी दी गई कि वे छोटे बच्चों को व्यस्त रखें। बच्चों के साथ वीडियो कॉल से संपर्क बनाकर रखा गया। हमने समर कैंप की भी शुरुआत कर दी और बच्चों की मदद के लिए कई वॉलंटियर्स को ऑनलाइन जोड़ा गया।

बच्चों के लिए कई खेल प्रतिस्पर्धाएँ भी हुईं। बच्चों को पढ़ाई में मदद देने के लिए भी क्लास लगाई गई, खास तौर पर आठवीं, नौवीं व दसवीं के बच्चों के लिए। कई बड़े बच्चों ने तो हाउस मदर्स से खाना बनाना भी सीखा और कई नए व्यंजन पकाने में हाथ आजमाये। चूँकि स्कूल जल्द ही खुलने के आसार नहीं हैं, इसलिए हम ऑनलाइन पढ़ाई की भी तैयारी कर रहे हैं।

बच्चों ने न केवल हालात को समझा बल्कि उससे निबटने में हमारी पूरी मदद भी की। एक तरह से यह बच्चों, स्टाफ़ और समूची आरएफआई टीम का साझा प्रयास था। हमें पता है कि महामारी तो जल्द जाने वाली नहीं, इसलिए हम सब उसके साथ जीना सीख रहे हैं। सारी चीज़ें खुल जाएंगी लेकिन एहतियात तो हमें फिर भी बरतनी पड़ेगी।



Glimpse of an extraordinary fight

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► पुणे रेनबो होम में सोप डिस्पेंसर का इस्तेमाल करते बच्चे regularly
► Children using soap dispensers to wash their hands regularly



► हैदराबाद में बच्चों ने वॉलंटियर्स का शुक्रिया कुछ इस तरह से अदा किया
► Children expressing their gratitude to volunteers at Hyderabad



► दिल्ली में बच्चों को व्यस्त रखने के लिए नई तरह की गतिविधियाँ इस्तेमाल में लाई गईं
► In Delhi, new types of activities were evolved to keep children involved



► पटना रेनबो होम में बच्चों के स्वास्थ्य की हो रही है नियमित जाँच
► Regular health check-up of the children at Patna Rainbow Home



► कोलकाता में बच्चों ने कोरोनावायरस पर संदेश के साथ विश्व पर्यावरण देश मनाया
► Children at Kolkata celebrating World Environment day with a message on Corona

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► पुणे रेनबो होम में बर्तनों को एक कलाकृति का आकार दे दिया रेनबो होम के बच्चों ने
► When children are free, they express their creativity in various ways



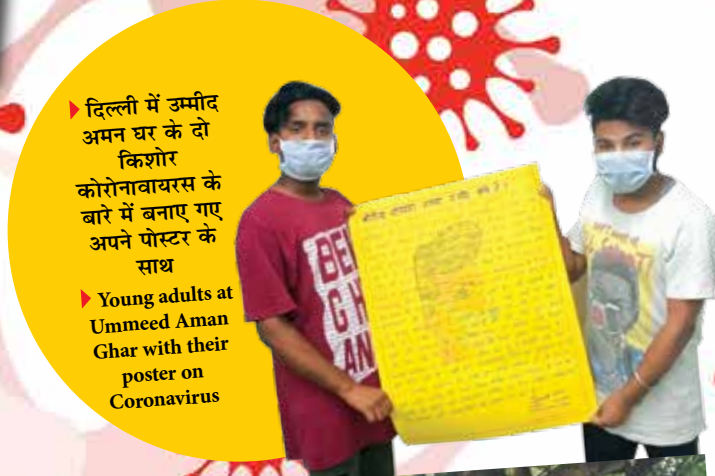
► हैदराबाद के एबीएच होम में बच्चों के लिए लगाया गया हेल्थ कैंप
► A health camp for the children at ABH, Hyderabad



► लॉकडाउन के दौरान एबीएच, हैदराबाद के बच्चे योग का अभ्यास करते हुए
► Children doing Yoga during lockdown at ABH, Hyderabad



► हैदराबाद के बीएचटी होम में राशन पैक करने में मदद करते बच्चे
► Children helping in packing ration at BHT Home, Hyderabad



► दिल्ली में उम्मीद अमन घर के दो किशोर कोरोनावायरस के बारे में बनाए गए अपने पोस्टर के साथ
► Young adults at Ummeed Aman Ghar with their poster on Coronavirus

► दिल्ली के किलकारी होम की बच्चियों ने मास्क बनाने में भी महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका निभाई
► Children at Kilkari Home in Delhi also played a important role in preparation of masks

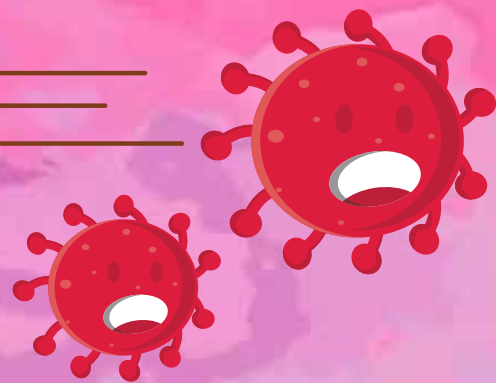


► हैदराबाद में राशन वितरण करते हुए नेशनल टीम की वरिष्ठ सदस्य अम्बिका और अनुराधा
► Ration distribution by senior national team members Ambika and Anuradha at Hyderabad



► बेंगलूर में रेनबो होम की टीम ने ज़रूरतमंद लोगों को सूखा राशन भी वितरित किया
► Distribution of dry ration by Bangalore Rainbow Home team

Hyderabad Team



All homes fully prepared to FIGHT THE VIRUS

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak of Covid-19 a pandemic because of the alarming levels of spread and severity and by the alarming levels of inaction. A pandemic is an occurrence of a disease that affects people globally.

According to some experts, COVID 19 already infects 20% of population. The children are less likely to be infected by this virus than the other age groups. Death rates of the COVID-19 infected people are higher among older people or people with already existing ailments such as hypertension, asthma, COPD etc. It is noted that the institutions such as nursing homes have a greater chance of spreading the infection.

With our background, institutionally we are in a much more difficult position and can not simply give directives to work from home or shut down operations as government has done for the schools, colleges etc. as it affects many people

associated with our organization. First of all, our staff is not financially stable enough to survive with lower incomes. Secondly, the homeless children who are in our care for 24 x 7 have no other place to go during this time of crisis. It is, therefore, important to recognize the challenges



in front of us and reconsider the boundaries of our work during this pandemic and also be prepared for the consequences it might bring.

Few suggestions for precautionary measures

- 1) Suspension of all outstation travels or field trips by the home staff, state and national team members (not directly related to care giving)
- 2) Staff members, who are not direct caregivers, should be given an option of working from home with proper instructions and carefully developed plans such as- clocking of 8 hours, completion of certain tasks in limited time period, keeping a record of working time at home etc.
- 3) None of the staff (home, state, national) are to travel by public vehicles like metro or bus. Instead, in case of emergencies, non-residential caregivers can commute by personal vehicle or use Ola/Uber subsidized by the organization.
- 4) State team members, who are indirectly involved in care giving, can communicate through virtual means such as Skype, Zoom, etc.
- 5) If staff has to come to the office, they need to follow the safety protocols such as frequent hand washing, sanitization of the office, decongestion of the place etc.
- 6) Opening of new homes in Assam to be suspended.
- 7) Admin, finance, HR can certainly work from home.
- 8) For members who are in direct contact with children:
 - Decongestion of the shelter is required.
 - Regular washing of hands, not only after going to the toilet but also after touching any surface.
 - Usage of readymade sanitizers/homemade alcohol rubs. The recipe for homemade alcohol rub is available online.
 - Usage surgical masks only when someone is having cold and cough. Unnecessarily putting on masks does not prevent spreading of the infection.
 - Restrictions on entry of new people inside the home such as volunteers, donors, actors, vendors etc.
 - Internet based activities and entertainment

for children, to keep them involved and not compete isolate them. Restrictions on outdoor activities or workshops.

- Identify essential non-residing staff involved in care giving that can commute to homes, but only by private transport.
- All activities directly connected with care giving can continue and activities that are not related with direct care giving should be stopped.
- No unnecessary visits to the hospital.
- For staff members, who are with us 24 x 7, proper care of the mental health must be ensured, they must work on rotation and some level of replacement by PMT.



- Only a small number of staff members (staff, homes) can volunteer when needed.
- Resources regarding the physical and mental health issues, safety, nutrition of our children etc. should be monitored.
- There has to be good stocking of home supplies (at least 2 months of dry rations) in all the homes.
- All the activities require revised fund flows that finance teams need to calculate.

Discussions by National Team

1. This pandemic outbreak will require a careful mechanism among the homes to prevent any infection. Some Measures that were discussed are:

- The most difficult scenario for us as a care

organization is to balance between work from home options and reporting to work when we are asking home team members to not take leaves. This may require some team members taking turns to stay at the homes if the need be.

- The home teams have already cut-short the number of visitors and outsiders entering the homes. As precautionary measures, sanitizers and handwashing liquid will be made available in sufficient quantities. Some simple formulas will be shared to make spirit based sanitizers at home level.
- The state will request the school/ education department to provide extra spaces for the children and staff to avoid congestion.
- Doctors will be called to the homes for check-ups at regular intervals. Every city has the government hospitals designated for testing and treatment and they will be accessed as the need arises.
- Those who are suffering from cough and cold are advised to report to work after recovery as a precautionary measure.

2. Children who are going back to their families:

- The home team will consider all facts before sending the children, including the parents' capacity to care for their children. In case, the parents need support, minimal financial support will be provided temporarily. Although, the team agrees that most children will be safe within the Rainbow Homes and Sneh Ghars.
- There will be constant follow ups through calls and if required, visits to children who have gone back to their families. Some states are also considering taking consent letters for staying in the home and/or for going back to parents during this period.

3. It is assumed that the current scenario may change into a complete lockdown. To prepare for this, essential commodities

will be provided to all the homes for at least a month. In addition to the existing caregivers, some additional support will be taken from the parents, homeless programs and/or young adults to support the homes during this time of crisis. The designated national team member will also support the respective state teams.

4. The state team and program team will devise a plan to get constant updates in a dashboard format.

5. Most national team members who are very close to the national office will report to work. Only those members who are staying far away will work from home.

वायरस से लड़ने को सारे होम तैयार

विश्व स्वास्थ्य संगठन (डब्ल्यूएचओ) ने कोविड-19 को एक महामारी घोषित कर दिया था क्योंकि वह दुनियाभर में घातक तरीके से फैल रहा था और उसे क़ाबू में करने के कोई तरीके ईज़ाद नहीं हुए थे। दुनिया की बड़ी आबादी के उससे प्रभावित होने की आशंका बन गई थी। कई विशेषज्ञ मानते हैं कि दुनिया की 20 फ़ीसदी से ज्यादा आबादी पहले ही कोरोना से ग्रस्त हो चुकी है। इस बीमारी से बाकी उम्र के लोगों की तुलना में बच्चों के संक्रमित होने की संभावना कम बतलाई जा रही है। आँकड़ों के अनुसार इस बीमारी से मारे जाने वाले लोगों की दर भी उन लोगों की ज्यादा है जो ज्यादा उम्र के हैं या फिर उन लोगों की जिन्हें शरीर में और कोई दिक्कत है जिससे उनके शरीर की प्रतिरोधक क्षमता कम हो जाती है।

हमारे संस्थान की पृष्ठभूमि अलग तरह की है और संस्थागत रूप से हम ज्यादा मुश्किल स्थिति में हैं। बाकी कंपनियों की तरह न तो हम वर्क फ़्रोम होम के निर्देश दे सकते हैं और न ही जैसे सरकार ने सारे स्कूल-कॉलेज बंद कर दिए, वैसे हम होम बंद कर सकते हैं। हमारे किसी भी कदम का असर हमसे जुड़े बहुत सारे लोगों पर पड़ता है।

हमारा ज्यादातर स्टाफ़ कम आय वर्ग से आता है इसलिए वह वित्तीय रूप से उतना मजबूत नहीं है। दूसरे, जो बच्चे बेघर हैं वे चौबीसों घंटे के लिए हमारी देखरेख में हैं क्योंकि उनके पास तो इस संकट की स्थिति में जाने के लिए और कोई जगह नहीं है। इसलिए यह ज़रूरी था कि हमारे सामने मौजूद चुनौतियों को समझा जाए और महामारी के दौर में अपने काम के दायरे को नए तरीके से चिन्हित किया जाए। स्टाफ़, घर जाने वाले बच्चों और घरों से आने वाले बच्चों, सभी के लिए स्पष्ट मानक तैयार किए गए।

आने वाले दिनों के लिए कुछ एहतियाती कदम ये थे-

- सभी के लिए बाहर की यात्राएँ व फ़ील्ड ट्रिप बंद कर दी गईं।



- जिन लोगों का काम होम के रोज़मर्रा के काम व संचालन से जुड़ा नहीं था, उन्हें घर से काम करने की इजाज़त दी गई और उसके लिए मानक तय किए गए।

- तमाम स्टाफ़ को सार्वजनिक परिवहन के साधनों से सफ़र न करने को कहा गया। बेहद ज़रूरी होने पर निजी वाहन या टैक्सी का ही इस्तेमाल करना है।

- संपर्क के लिए जूम व स्काइप का इस्तेमाल किया जाना है।

- जिन लोगों के लिए नियमित रूप से दफ़्तर आना ज़रूरी है, उन्हें स्वच्छता के तमाम दिशानिर्देशों का पालन करना होगा जिनमें भीड़ वाली जगहों से दूर रहना, हाथों को नियमित रूप से धोते रहना, मास्क पहनना और दफ़्तर का सैनिटाइज़ेशन करना शामिल है।

- महामारी की वजह से असम में नए होम खोलने की योजना को भी फिलहाल स्थगित कर दिया गया।

- एडमिन, एचआर व फ़ाइनेंस की टीम को घर से काम करने की इजाज़त दी गई।

स्टाफ़ के उन सदस्यों के लिए अलग से हिदायतें तैयार की गईं जो बच्चों के सीधे संपर्क में आते हैं। इनमें ख़ास बातें यह हैं-

- होम में एक जगह ज्यादा लोग जमा होने से रोका जाए।

- नियमित रूप से हाथों को धोया जाए, ख़ासकर किसी भी सतह को छूने के बाद।

- ज़रूरी होने पर सर्जिकल मास्क का इस्तेमाल किया जाए।

- होम में बाहर से लोगों के प्रवेश पर रोक लगाई जाए

- बच्चों के लिए इंटरनेट आधारित गतिविधियाँ और मनोरंजन के तरीके इस्तेमाल में लाए जाएं, उन्हें एकदम से अलग-अलग न किया जाए। बाहर खेलने व वर्कशॉप वगैरह पर रोक लगाई जाए।

- जो गतिविधियाँ बच्चों को रोज़मर्रा की देखरेख से जुड़ी न हों, उन्हें बंद कर दिया जाए।

- बिना अपरिहार्य स्थिति के कोई अस्पताल न जाए।

- जो स्टाफ़ चौबीसों घंटे हमारे साथ पहनते हैं, उनकी मानसिक सेहत का भी पूरा ख़याल रखा जाए।

- शारीरिक व मानसिक सेहत के संसाधनों का पूरा ख़याल रखा जाए।

- ज़रूरी सामान की उपलब्धता बनाकर रखी जाए और बार-बार बाज़ार जाने से बचा जाए।

कोरोनावायरस वायरस से निबटने के तरीके पर नेशनल टीम ने भी मीटिंग में चर्चा की और इसमें यह तय किया गया कि हमारे किसी भी होम में कोरोनावायरस संक्रमण को फैलने से रोकने के लिए हमें वर्ष उपाय करने होंगे। मीटिंग में इस बात पर चर्चा की गई कि हमें घर से काम करने और ऑफिस अथवा होम जाने की ज़रूरत के बीच संतुलन बनाना होगा। यह भी तय किया गया कि स्कूलों व शिक्षा विभाग से यह अनुरोध किया जाए कि वे बच्चों व स्टाफ़ के लिए थोड़ी अतिरिक्त जगह उपलब्ध करा दें ताकि सबको थोड़ा दूर-दूर रखा जा सके। नियमित अंतराल पर बच्चों की सेहत की जाँच के लिए होम में डॉक्टर आते रहें। साथ ही हर शहर में अस्पताल भी चिन्हित कर दिए गए ताकि वहाँ किसी आपात स्थिति में जाँच व परीक्षण के लिए जाया जा सके।

सवाल उन बच्चों का भी था जो वापस अपने घर जा रहे थे। इसके लिए कुछ मानक बनाए गए।

होम की टीम को यह जाँचने के लिए कहा गया कि वे ऐसे बच्चों के परिवारों की स्थिति को देख लें कि वे बच्चों की देखरेख में सक्षम हैं या नहीं। उन्हें अगर किसी न्यूनतम सहयोग की ज़रूरत है तो उन्हें वह भी उपलब्ध कराया जाए। हालाँकि प्राथमिक तौर पर सबकी यही राय थी कि बच्चे सबसे ज्यादा सुरक्षित होम में ही रहेंगे। यही बात उनके परिवारों को समझाई जाए और अगर बच्चे घर जाते भी हैं तो नियमित तौर पर उनके हाल-चाल लिए जाते रहें।

यह भी विचार किया गया कि आगे स्थितियाँ क्या मोड़ ले सकती हैं और उनसे निबटने के लिए हमारे होम को क्या-क्या तैयारी करनी होगी।



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Ranchi Team

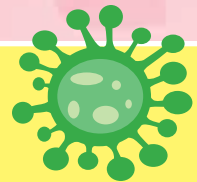
Roadmap To Fight Back

ACTIVITIES	MEASURES
<p>During corona virus pandemic all the Child Care Institutions (CCIs) are closed but both of the homes (Rainbow home Kute & Sneghar Bariatu) is opened</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Notification released through 62 (13) Dated 16/03/2020 by Dr. D.K.Tiwari, the respected Chief Secretary of Health, Health Education & Family Welfare Department Government of Jharkhand, regarding Guideline on protection, prevention and treatment of COVID 19. It is instructed in the point number 9 that all the Educational Institutions Government & Non-Government, Universities, Colleges, coaching institutions in the state should be closed with immediate effect from 14.04. 2020. • During the Zoom meeting it was suggested to discuss with concerning officials and request for stay children in the home during this situation. Accordingly a request letter has been given to District Education Office & Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi by stating the vulnerability of getting infected by Corona virus as the children are from homeless families. Respected Deputy Commissioner approved our request and children stayed in the home.
<p>Preliminary measures taken before the lockdown</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special planning meeting held with both of the home team .- Regarding Food availability, medicines requirement, medical treatment if anyone gets sick, availability of money (cash), health & hygiene issues, education, preparing special routine for this period, • Money has been transferred on time as per the fund request. • Three month's grocery & toiletry items purchased for both of the home. • Ranchi didn't mobilized volunteers as had sufficient number of members in the home team. • A request letter was given to the district administration (DC) for providing Masks & Sanitizer as these items were out of market.
<p>Challenges & resolved.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law & order Issue- It was very difficult to convince official for retaining children in the home. • It was high risk to retain children in the home during lockdown. Home team has taken proper care of children & all are healthy. • A boy was suffering from chicken pox and team kept him separate with other children. Some medicines have also given by consulting Doctor over telephone.

<p>Efforts taken to develop essential understanding about COVID 19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Just after the announcement of lockdown, a sensitization session was organized in both of the home with Children & Home team. It was on sign, symptoms and precautionary measures. • Pictorial chart of corona virus was shown to all which was provided by Govt. health department. • Demonstrations of proper hand wash practices with children & home team. • Extra rooms have been provided by the school administration & proper distances have been maintained in between two children. • Movies / video clip on cleanliness, personal hygiene, washing hand practices were shown in Utube & pen drive. • During the lockdown period children plays games – Cricket, food ball khokho, kabadi, etc for physical fitness. • Dance, cultural program, singing, fashion shows, drawing competition held every alternate day by evening. • Slogans have been developed on corona virus • Pictorial charts made by the children on corona virus related messages.
<p>Motivational measures for the home team</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Daily routine has been changed considering their relaxation and reducing work-load. • Given extra time for talking with their family. • On every alternate days non-residential team calls / video calling was made to home team.
<p>Mobilization of resources for children, parents & others</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both of the homes have received dry ration & cash from local donors/ civil society.
<p>Distribution of cooked food</p>	<p>Sneghar & Rainbow home received dry ration from civil society, like – rice flour, dal, potatoes, onion, salt, edible oil, gram which were used for cooked food distribution.</p> <p>Both of the home team and 2-3 volunteers have cooked purees and curry which was distributed among 220 poor people, mobile population, surrounding area population.</p>
<p>Rumor about world going to end.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few of the parents have heard about that world is going to end or earth quack will happen soon but none of them have asked to take children from rainbow homes.

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Distribution of dry ration to the children's parents

- Prepared list of parents with all details e.g. No. of family members, availability of ration cards, bank account, etc.
- Dry ration list of items finalized amount of Rs. 2500 / families and procured .from existing vendor who is supplying grocery items to the homes.
- Due to lockdown, team faced lots of problems in getting ration from the shop but somehow home team managed to get kit items.
- Initially, I was difficult to finalize the place of ration distribution due to lockdown. .After considering all the aspects and taking consent of the parent, It was decided to distribute kits at kute home.
- Area wise plan was made and 10-15 families called in a day for receiving ration in order to avoid crowd.
- All lockdown norms were followed while distributing ration.
- Proper record was maintained, photographs of each receiver was taken simultaneously. .
- Total 76 families were benefited, and 14 families got double ration.

About Government initial direction, vigilance and pressure to send the children back to their home.

- Just after releasing of notification from Health Chief Secretary regarding closing all educational institutions, SSA pressured to home team for sending children to their homes. .
- In the mean time a request letter was sent to Deputy Commissioner for taking permission for allowing children to stay at Homes during lock down period.
- We have shared photos of ration distribution & cooked food distribution with Sarva Siksha Abhiyan (SSA) and officials of district administration.

Child Welfare Committe (CWC) Interruption

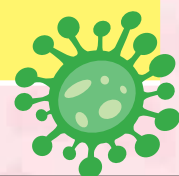
- CWC didn't interrupt in between and no one has raised any issue in this regard.

Regarding getting movement pass during lockdown period

- A Government link has given through which E-pass can be applied. We had tried for it but request has been rejected.
- Our team used personal & hired vehicle to visit homes.

Survey understanding the parent's situation this time and their inspiration, fears

- Most of the parents have understanding & hoping that something will happen for their betterment.
- Most of the responses are mainly on availability of food, losing their employment and the spreading coronavirus infection in the society.
- About their inspiration, expecting to get everything normal after few days .so that they will have normal life again.

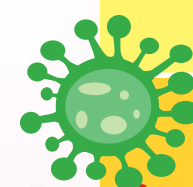


Return of children back to home and preparedness for quarantine

- Snehgahr – 16 children were living with their parents. Out of this 3 children are going to close soon. 8 children are under quarantine from last Sunday (17th May) in the home premise only. We had requested to school principal for providing an extra room for keeping separate these children. School Principal has provided two big rooms in a new building which is around 200 meters far from our home rooms. All the necessary arrangements have been made their and 1 mother is looking after these children. Rooms are safe & secure for keeping these children.
- Kute Rainbow home – Team tried a lot for searching rented house for quarantine children but unable to do this due to non cooperation of school & surrounding people. Now we have decided to make arrangements in the home premise itself. Two old rooms will be used after making arrangement of necessary items. .Children will come back home from 28th May.

Testimonies of parents, children, home team volunteers etc

- During the covid 19 lockdown period, home team has regular contacts over telephone with all parent. We tried to know about their health, food availability, money availability and medicines etc. We got responses that at least Rainbow home team is taking care in this crisis period this is like a moral support for them They are very happy after receiving dry ration in good quantity which was sufficient for a month.
- Children are happy in the home. Home team has convinced and made aware about sensitivity of corona virus. Instead of not giving permission to meet l their parent children are patiently awaiting for relaxation with lockdown situation.
- Home team is also sacrificing a lot and not making pressure to on leave as all have understanding the present situation.

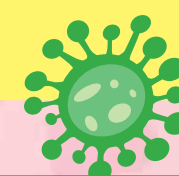


Co-ordination and linkages, efforts with other Civil Society Organisation (CSOs)

- Team has tried to link with the World Vision India, Food & Nutrition Department Govt. of Jharkhand, Women & Child development, Seva Bharti and YMCA Ranchi.
- Discussion was held regarding the cooked food & dry ration distribution to the urban poor. It was instructed by the state Government that cooked food & dry ration should be given to the poor by giving prior information to the HELP RNC volunteers COVID 19. This helpline was formed by Ranchi district administration. An area wise list of families was given to this helpline and linked families for getting dry & cooked food as per help line schedule.
- Seva bharti & Anganwadi centers were also distributed cooked food in urban slum area which was supported by state govt. Chief Minister disaster fund.

Efforts taken in reaching to inaccessible parents & guardian

- Each & every parents/ guardian were contacted over telephone. Those parents do not have mobile were contacted through their relative's / neighbor's mobile.



Patna Team



Difficult Situation Needed Tough Measures

Our country is going through a very difficult situation because of the sudden nationwide lockdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic. People are stuck away from home and have no hope to return back any soon. A huge amount of the population is struggling for food and resources. In Patna Rainbow Homes, children who had gone to celebrate Holi, got stuck in their houses. It is hard for them to survive without food and all necessary things, their parents cannot afford such basic facilities on their own. Children are eagerly waiting to come back home. But because of the prohibitions of the lockdown children are not able to come home. As we need to maintain the guidelines for prevention of COVID 19 epidemic we cannot receive them. In special cases if the children are coming home, arrangements have been made to keep them in quarantine for 14 days.

At the beginning of the lockdown we stocked two months worth grocery items for the home so that there is no shortage of resources. Those who are unable to return to the Rain-

bow Homes keep in touch. There are follow-ups for anything related to health, food and education. Grocery kits are provided to the residents arranged by local donor. After initial attempts, APPI, through National Rainbow Home, provided all guardians of the children of Rainbow Homes grocery kits having all necessary food items for a month. Even the Home Residential Team Members were provided with food items at their own residence so that they can devote themselves in their work without having to worry about their own family.

Rainbow Home, Patna

मुश्किल स्थितियां, सरल कदम

हमारी के कारण बाकी दुनिया की ही तरह हमारा देश भी मुश्किल दौर से गुजर रहा है। कोविड-19 के कारण भारत में भी लॉकडाउन लगाना पड़ा था। लोग अपने घरों से दूर अटक गए और उनके पास जल्दी ही घरों को लौटने की कोई सूरत नहीं बची। आबादी का बड़ा हिस्सा भोजन व बाकी ज़रूरी संसाधनों की किल्लत से गुजर रहा था। पटना रेनबो होम में भी जो बच्चे होली मनाने अपने घर गए थे, वे वहीं अटक गए। लेकिन चूँकि उन सभी के परिवार आर्थिक रूप से कमजोर हैं इसलिए बच्चों का घर पर ही अटक जाना सबके लिए परेशानी का सबब बन गया। बच्चे भी जल्दी से जल्दी होम में वापस आना चाहते थे। लेकिन हम लोग आनन-फ़ानन में उन्हें घरों से लेकर आ नहीं सकते थे क्योंकि कोविड-19 के लिए जारी दिशानिर्देशों का पालन किया जाना था। लॉकडाउन लगे होने के कारण आने-जाने की भी दिक्कत थी। जो बच्चे किसी तरह आने में सफल हो भी जा रहे थे, उन्हें होम में आने के बाद 14 दिन के लिए क्वारंटाइन में रखा जा रहा था। जो बच्चे नहीं आ पाए, उनसे भी हम लोग नियमित संपर्क में रहे। लॉकडाउन शुरू होने के तुरंत बाद हमने दो महीने के लिए राशन इत्यादि जमा कर लिया ताकि आगे के दिनों में किसी तरह की किल्लत न हो। बच्चों की सेहत की भी नियमित निगरानी रखी जा रही है।

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Prayer

प्रार्थना

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God!
Thank you for this beautiful life as part of creation!
WE believe, we wish, to live in friendship and mutual respect with head held high, in courage and self confidence.
We believe, we wish that all human beings, whether men or women, live in equality, and in happiness, whatever their colour, caste, class, religion, region, language or abilities.
We believe that, we wish to strongly oppose divisive forces and ideologies that spread hatred and divide us and support democratic and non-violent actions for justice, humanity, truth and peace, taking injustice done to others as inflicted on us.
WE believe in, we wish to contribute our mite towards, the building of more humane and free world, in good health and joyful learning and spreading knowledge.
God!
We believe in, and wish to join our tiny hands with the multitude of the people in this ages-old divine journey of love.

ईश्वर अल्लाह
हमारी ये दुआ है कि इस दुनिया में कोई भी बच्चा ना हो जिसे भोजन प्यार सुरक्षा और शिक्षा न मिले और यह भी प्रार्थना है कि हम अपने आस पास सबकी जिंदगी में खुशी की रोशनी भर दे।

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