

From the *Leader's Desk*

As I write this note, we are in the midst of an even more challenging second wave of the ravaging pandemic. A very unfortunate tragedy is unfolding in India, especially in the lives of the underserved communities who are battling the virus as well as daily survival. Children are particularly vulnerable during these trying times. We are committed to protect their rights and help keep families together.

The situation calls for greater collaboration among civil society, the government, the private sector, and individuals like you to help alleviate human suffering.

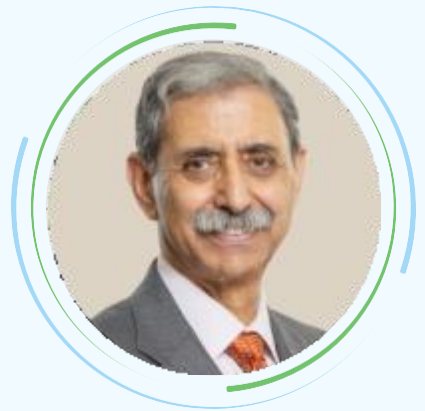
This year, our appreciation for you goes even deeper. Your unconditional support to fight the consequences of COVID-19 has helped us do our bit in responding to the ongoing crisis.

I have confidence in the indomitable human spirit to overcome these temporary setbacks. Together, we must and we will succeed. Our people are resilient, resourceful, and creative. I am so proud of what we have accomplished, and I hope you are too.

With deepest gratitude and warmest regards.

Rakesh Jinsi

President - Board of SOS Children's Villages of India



The second wave of the pandemic has created havoc and devastated the social and economic fabric of the society, rendering millions without access to healthcare/livelihood - helpless and hopeless, endangering quality care for their children.

Our committed SOS mothers and co-workers are doing everything in their capacity to reach out to those in need. We are ensuring that all the children under our care are safe and secure, including children from other Child Care Institutions, which are being referred to us by the local government bodies.

We are also extending support to children in distress in all 32 Children's Villages across 22 states. Children whose parents are COVID positive and are undergoing treatment are being placed under Short-Term care till their parents and caregivers recover, whereas children who have lost their parents will be placed under the Long-Term care in the SOS Children's Villages. We are equipping all Children's Villages with Oxygen concentrators as well as medical kits.

Currently, our co-workers are tirelessly facilitating vaccination drives in several states, supporting the government as well as the vulnerable communities to get vaccinated. Our teams have taken several initiatives like supplying COVID-Medical kits/ Dry Ration/ Setting up Community Kitchens/ Free Ambulance Service etc. for the benefit of the affected families. We are helping them rebuild their lives through livelihood assistance by way of providing them psychological and technical support.

This has been made possible because of your continued support.

With deepest gratitude and warmest regards.

Sumanta Kar

Secretary General - Board of SOS Children's Villages of India



Offering...

HOPE

SOS CHILDREN'S VILLAGES OPENS DOORS TO CHILDREN WHO HAVE LOST PARENTAL CARE DUE TO COVID-19



*We are extending help and support to children in distress in our existing **32 CHILDREN'S VILLAGES ACROSS 22 STATES** by providing **SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM CARE:**

- Short Term Care facilities provided to Children whose parents and caregivers are suffering from Covid and undergoing treatment.
- Children who have lost their parents will be placed under Long-Term care under the Family-Like Care Programme of SOS Children's Villages.

COMMUNITY KITCHENS for COVID impacted families

We have set up Community Kitchens with the help of youth volunteers, which provide two free of cost nutritious meals for families that are infected and in home isolation. So far we have catered to hundreds of people in Latur, Bangalore Bawana (JJ Colony).



EXTENDING MEDICAL CARE AND WELLBEING INITIATIVES for helping people cope with Covid-19

COVID VACCINATION DRIVE in vulnerable clusters under our Family Strengthening Programme

Our teams and animators are facilitating the COVID-19 inoculation drive in the clusters by helping people register and get vaccinated every week in Aanganwadi centers. So far, over 700 people in Hojai and more than 200 in Silao, Begusarai clusters have been successfully vaccinated and the number of people showing up for vaccination is rising. Our animators are also guiding the community to follow hygiene and sanitation practices and take all the necessary precautions.



MEDICAL SUPPORT to BPL families

COVID kits for safety and hygiene as well as medical kits and personal counselling sessions. Over 40 COVID positive patients have been provided with prescription medicines in Pune.



*All children are brought under our care through the Child Welfare Committee of the respective state govt. in accordance with the Juvenile Justice ACT. As soon as we receive any information about a stranded child in distress, we refer it to the Child Welfare Committee, and through their placement orders, which are in the best interest of the child, we bring the child to the Children's Village. We follow the due process as laid down by the CWC in the respective state government.

DISTRIBUTION OF PERSONAL HYGIENE AND SAFETY SUPPLIES in Rajpura clusters



FREE AMBULANCE SERVICE for COVID patients Bhubaneswar

Our Village in Bhubaneswar has started a no-charge Ambulance service for Covid patients. An isolation room and a two-bed dispensary has also been opened for emergencies.

EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

One and half month long intense training on emotional wellbeing for nearly 200 children, mothers and co-workers in Begusarai, Latur and Hojai. Workshops on Stress Management for caregivers.



LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT to over 350 caregivers across various locations impacted by COVID

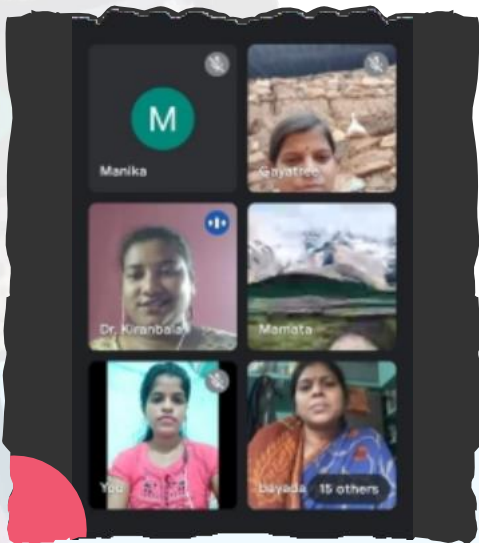
DRY RATION PROVISION FOR 200 AFFECTED FAMILIES in Bangalore



ENSURING CHILDREN AND YOUTH CONTINUE to learn and grow

The teams in Bhubaneswar are facilitating education for underprivileged children in eight communities. They ensure that tutors take online classes. It is continuing smoothly and being monitored by village leaders and their parents. Youth volunteers are providing mobile phones for children to attend online classes. School bags and stationery distributed to over 6200 children in different locations.

Remedial care support for over 800 caregivers across several locations who await getting their first jobs; Skilling programmes and Training on 'COVID prevention and safety measures' provided to around 100 youth volunteers enrolled in vocational training programmes in Pune.



.. *Helping Hands* ..

Extending support to the Covid-struck



A caregiver* from Taraya village, Manju Devi lost her husband to COVID-19. She was a daily-wager but due to the lockdown she lost all income-generating work opportunities. The Mahima Self-Help Group, which we had facilitated in the community, supported her by supplying dry ration to her family, rekindling hope in their lives.
(*mother is developed as a primary caregiver in the underserved families supported by us)

Getting a Covid-afflicted family back on its feet

Jayalakshmi from Hulimavu cluster, an underprivileged community in Bengaluru was working in a supermarket and her husband Ravi worked as a car driver. They were leading a simple life with their two children in a rented accommodation. They both lost their jobs during the pandemic and were left with meagre resources to provide for their children. Later, Ravi lost his life due to Covid and as per the local authority's instructions, Jayalakshmi performed the last rites taking all precautions. Meanwhile, a local resident locked her children in the house without any food or water. The next day, a Self-Help Group representative called an SOS co-worker, who swiftly contacted the local residents and convinced them to help the children.



However, it turned out that her neighbours or relatives were not ready to support them. They were already facing extreme paucity of food. Our team extended help by providing ration and hygiene kit to the family. She is now enrolled with us and we are providing her with other facilities.

THANK YOU

For everything

OUR HEARTS ARE FULL OF GRATITUDE...

Thank you for contributing and helping those impacted by this pandemic. In these uncertain times, your support has made a meaningful difference in the lives of the underserved sections in the society.

We are humbled by your compassion and generosity and want you to keep supporting those in need.
Every little contribution counts.

A little can change a lot. Do your part to help them out during these trying times.

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