

Asha Chennai - Proposal for COVID-19 Relief

Since the time that the Indian Government Announced a sudden lockdown across India, underprivileged people have been affected severely. Asha Chennai got several requests for relief from people in the areas where we have been running our projects over the past few months (as of May 2020).

Villages in Project Thulasi (Villupuram & Thiruvannamali districts, TamilNadu)

Two villages Nallan Pillai Petral and Kattuchithamur are in our project area and some of our teachers are also from these villages. We got first-hand knowledge of several families that were getting affected due to the lockdown in March 2020. Our teachers identified such families. The worst affected families were run by older women and also by single mothers in many cases and a majority of the families were from the Dalit community. Also these families were landless and depended on Farm labour and road laying jobs for daily sustenance. We decided to distribute Rice, Dhal and Oil as immediate relief measures.

Gypsy community in Project Manigal (Indra Nagar Colony, Thiruvanmiyur, Chennai)

Indra Nagar Gypsy colony is a community with which Asha Chennai has been working for a long time. The lockdown led to loss of livelihoods for the people in this community and they requested relief from us. We decided to distribute some food essentials to the community.

Families of Scholarships students (TamilNadu)

Asha Chennai Scholarships project supports about 110+ underprivileged students across TamilNadu. Since the lockdown began, we started getting calls from some of these families for help. Given that most of these families were in different parts of Chennai and the others were in the rest of TamilNadu, it would not have been possible to distribute any materials. Hence, we decided to make a cash transfer to all these families.

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Budget

Item	# Families / Households	Amount (Rs.)
Food essentials of Rs.1400 per family at Nallan Pillai Petral	25	35,000
Food essentials of Rs.1400 per family at Kattuchithamur	35	49,000
Food essentials at Rs.600 per family for Indra Nagar Gypsy community	64	38,400
Cash relief of Rs.1000 per family for families of Asha Chennai Scholarship students	110	1,10,000
Total	234	2,32,400

Total Budget: Rs. 2,32,400 (Rupees Two Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred Only)