## About ASTHA

ASTHA is a non government community based, cross disability organization that has been working in urban slum and resettlement communities with children and persons with disabilities and their families with the aims of ensuring the inclusion and rights of children and persons with disabilities in all areas of development for 27 years in the Delhi NCR region and surrounding states.

## Covid 19: ASTHA’s Outreach

As part of civil society, ASTHA too threw itself into the task of reaching out to children and persons with disabilities in its program areas and beyond during the Covid-19 wave 1 last year. Apart from the groundwork of providing ration to families and people, the organization attempted to bring together an understanding of how children and persons with disabilities were being affected during the pandemic in the country. Two sets of virtual meetings were organized with representation from different parts of the country. Two reports were circulated sharing concerns and good practice so that larger levels of advocacy could be done. In total, the organisation reached out to nearly 2000 families of children and persons with disabilities in Delhi and Bihar for rations, food and medicines.

## Proposed Work

As the second wave struck, ASTHA’s helpline and team members started getting calls for information on availability of oxygen beds, medicines, rations etc. in Delhi. The proposed work is to reach out to nearly 300 families of Children and Persons with Disabilities in Delhi and provide them ration kits. The helpline has already started receiving lists of families in distress and in need of ration. The team will establish an internal system of receiving lists from various sources, verifying each and every family for need and prioritizing families in need. These can be families which do not have a ration card, lost their livelihoods, not receiving disability pensions etc. Following populations will be covered under this project:

* Children with Disabilities and their families living in urban slums and resettlement colonies in Delhi, affected due to Covid-19 pandemic
* Homeless population with disabilities

## Budget

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| **S. No.** | **Component** | **Amount** |
| 1 | 300 Ration kits @INR 1000/- per kit | 3,00,000 |
| 2 | Honorarium for field worker @INR 12,000/- per month for three months | 36,000 |
| 3 | Local conveyance @INR 2000/- per month for three months | 6,000 |
| 4 | Sanitisation, masks, PPE kits, oximeters etc. | 10,000  |
| 5 | Medicines | 10,000  |
|  | **Total** | **3,62,000/-** |

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| **Item** | **Unit Price** | **Number of Units** | **Total cost** |
| Reusable PPE kits | 400 | 8 | 3200 |
| Oxymeters | 1500 | 3 | 4500 |
| Sanitiser | 400 | 3 | 1200 |
| N-95 Masks | 250 | 4 | 1000 |
| Gloves | 100 | 1 | 100 |
| Seizure medicines | 1000 (per child for one time) | 10 families | 10000 |

### Composition of ration kit:

10 kg flour

5 kg rice

2 ltr oil

2 kg pulses

Soap, salt and sugar

Spices

### Field worker

The field worker employed for ration distribution will be on a part-time and temporary basis. The person will have the responsibilities of coordinating with ration shop vendors, transportation and coordinate with families for doorstep delivery of essentials. This will be not limited to families who are with ASTHA, but families of Children and Persons with Disabilities across the city. The local conveyance is paid to this field worker.

## Note

The distribution will be done through a range of strategies. Wherever there is a reliable and verified vendor in a location, the families will be asked to go to the shop and collect the kits. Second, for large requirements kits will be made through an old vendor near ASTHA and then kits will be transported through ASTHA’s van and field worker. Oxymeters, medicines will be given to selected families according to need, especially to the homeless population.