

Proposal for helping SVYM address COVID needs in HD Kote Taluk

SVYM runs the Vivekananda Memorial Hospital in Sargur. It is a well-respected hospital that provides excellent healthcare in this underserved rural area. SVYM also runs a number of educational activities including a school in Sargur, a school in the tribal area near Hosahalli (Asha Boston partially supports this school), Mobile Science Van ((Asha Boston partially supports this), and a variety of other activities in HD Kote, Mysore, and rest of Karnataka.

The hospital in Sargur is currently almost entirely focused on COVID. The cost to care for patients in the hospital is covered under the Karnataka ...scheme. They don't need financial help for that.

Number of cases per day reported in HD Kote taluk is 300-400. SVYM has contacted all the families of the students in their schools, and 5 families with students in the Sargur school have tested positive and 2 families with students in VTCL have tested positive. The road from Sargur to VTCL (Hosahalli) is rural, and goes through scenic forested and hilly areas (the distance is 15 miles, takes about an hour to drive), and as far as they can find out there is not a single village without a positive case.

SVYM would like support home bound care to alleviate pressure on hospital beds. They want to track all COVID cases in the area they work in (they get contact information from the COVID war room in Mysore which shares details when someone tests positive). They want to monitor the status of their health, and if their condition worsens provide oxygen concentrators in their homes. Their current capacity to do this is limited because only a few oxygen concentrators are available. The Mobile Science Van and other vehicles will be pressed into service for this. Pulse oximeters, oxygen concentrators and other equipment will be carried in the vehicles along with SVYM staff, so this will be a kind of mobile health unit. SVYM staff is extremely experienced and well-trained in this kind of activity, as they run many rural mobile van services.

The total cost will include the cost of transportation, pulse oximeters, and oxygen concentrators. Below is the partial budget that help is requested for at the moment.

Cost per oxygen concentrator	# To be procured	Total
Rs. 97,360	4	Rs 389,440

SVYM is also helping to create volunteer networks to register people for the vaccine in the covin app if they are over 45 and have had one dose of the vaccine or no doses of the vaccine. They call them up and urge them to get vaccinated.