***AN IMMEDIATE NOTE TO ASHA STANFORD FOR EXTENDING IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR THE HEAVY RAIN AND STORM AFFECTED PEOPLE OF THE PROJECTED TRIBAL VILLAGES UNDER AJODHAYA HILL AND BAGMUNDI OF PURULIA DISTRICT IN WEST BENGAL***

***BACK GROUND***:

Mandra Lions Club is working in this district specially tribal zone under Ajodhaya hill since last 20 years through Basic Education, Basic health, Basic amenities, NREGA, RTI, RTE at remotest villages under Purulia district as well as Murshidabad district of West Bengal. Main aim of MLC is to ensure the Rights of the children as well as community people with active involvement of the end users. For fulfilling of the above initiatives AID-USA, ASHA-USA and other likeminded agencies have extended their helping hands.

**The Problems**:

The Purulia district itself a draught prone district in West Bengal since years. Last 2016, the area badly affected by sever draught which causes the domestic wells both drinking and other purposes and ponds are totally dry. Then we have requested ASHA to extend support for safe guarding the children of our projected villages. ASHA and AID has extended their support to safeguard the children of our projected villages.

We are very sorry to inform you that from last 20th of July, 2017 suddenly extremely rain have happened till today. THIS SITUTATION IS ALL OVER THE STATE OF BENGAL. The weather report show from TV CHANNELs that there is no possibility of immediate stop rain specially Jharkhand adjacent districts in West Bengal i.e. Bagmundi, Bandawan, Jhalda i & II, Arsha etc. For this extreme rainy weather is affecting the community people specially the children are badly affecting for water borne diseases and stomach problem.

All the wells and small river are totally over flooded and the people of our projected villages as well as other villages are using the dirty water for their bath and drinking purposes.

**We are very surprised** that last years the people of the Bagmundi Block and other surrounding block also suffered due to severe drought which causes health hazards and water borne disease for consuming unsafe drinking water, lack of proper cleanliness of utensils, skin disease for no bathing.

Most horrible situation this year that a maximum portion of children are moving to suffer from water borne diseases and stomach problem, dysentery etc. Apart from the above it has also marked that plinth of the mud wall of the people totally waited due to rain water which causes the huts are gradually destroyed by pressure of super structure of huts,

Finding no other alternative MLC starts immediate emergency support to all the projected villages as well as other villages with black triple and few drinking water bottle collected from the local shops and individual.MLC instructed the village volunteer to maximum use of the Water filter distributed last year during draught for safe drinking water purposes for the school children. But it is not adequate; we need more support to cover specially our programmatic villages {(19 numbers of villages) (ASHA Stanford and previously supported ASHA CNJ and ASHA Cornell)} and few other villages.

**THE BUDGET:**

Total population need to support = 500 families 4000 population including children. Initially we decided to continue for 7 days only. After that according to situation we will request accordingly.

Support needed immediately :

For ORS PACKET = Rs. 1, 00,000/-

For Package Water bottle = Rs 3, 50,000/-

For Repairing of small hut directly support to affected hut owner = Rs .2, 00,000/-

Black tripal = Rs. 50,000/-

For basic Medicines (like Paracitamol suspension) = Rs. 0.10, 000/-

Movement of the team = Rs. 0, 15,000/-

 Grand Total: = Rs.7, 25,000/-

**NOTE: We found that year after year the peoples are affected by extremely heavy rain or extremely hot due to draught or say NATURAL CALAMITY. As such MLC think if they get some capital fund for an unit of small package drinking water from where we can able to prepare pouch pack of drinking water which can be used for safe drinking water to the children of the projected villages during Natural calamity and other time it can be used as generate resources The resource generated from that unit will be kept in separately and used during such natural calamity.**