MANDRA LIONS CLUB

WEST BENGAL

**An appeal**

**for support for National Lockdown situations (Covid – 19 )**

The curse of poverty amongst tribal in West Bengal, Purulia has been identified as one of the most backward districts of the state in terms of economy and human development index. The rise in poverty index followed by incidences of malnutrition and hunger at household level has resulted in ever-increasing incidences of unemployment and irregular household income in the selected Ajodhya GP of Baghmundi Block of the district. Most of the household earn their living by selling forest wood or by day labourer. The majority of the rural youth migrated to neighbouring cities namely Ranchi, Jharkhad & Bokaro in search of job to save their families who are on the verge of starving that calls for their immediate survival during lockdown period.

It was witnessed that majority of the households in remote tribal villages of Baghundi block of Purulia district have severely been impacted owing to recent lockdown measure of the state in response to contain the spread of COVID-19 infection at community level as these migrant workers and the daily wage earner also do not have any income or savings to support their families at this difficult hour as they survive from hand to mouth on a daily basis. Moreover, many of those migrated workers are not allowed to stay in their homes as they are being quarantined as per government’s directive in response to COVID-19 infection. Hence, those affected tribal households do not have any means to ensure their household food security in one hand and on the other hand, they are not even following any preventive measures to counter the spread of covid-19 infection within their community. The Government has arranged to give 5 K.G. food grain and 1 K.G. Dal per month per family, it is not sufficient to match their needs. The villagers, under our intervention in education and other programmes also approaching us for do something in this crucial time for their support. Therefore, MLC intends to address both hunger as well as basic preventive measure against COVID-19 infection amongst the tribal migrant and other households in remote villages of Baghmundi block of Purulia district**.** Although MLC is continuing Mike campaign throughout the block for following government’s directive and preventive measures to counter the spread of COVID -19 infections within their community with their limited resources. So we request you to spare your hands of support in this crucial situation.

**Tentative budget for one month support for selected 12 villages of Ajodhya hill and foot area:**

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| S.No. | Item | Units/days | Total cost |
| 1 | Distribution of packed raw food materials ( rice-5 K.G, lentils – 1 K.G., onion 1 K.G. Potato 2 – K.G. and oil -500 + soap 1pice )Approximate cost / family/ week Rs. 400 |  |  |
|  | Average 30 household / village X 12 villages = 360 household x 4 weeks =1440 x Rs. 400  |  30 days | 576000 |
| 2 | Volunteer cost – 7 nos @ Rs.1000/- per day per volunteer including their two wheelers fuel cost | 30 days | 30000 |
| 3 | Leafletsin local language on COVID-19 | L. S….. | 15000 |
| 4. | Audit and miscellaneous cost | L.S…….. | 10000 |
|  | GRAND TOTAL |  | 6,31,000 |