

Request from Bharathi Trust/Siddamma seeking Funds for Irula Families Affected by the COVID-19 Lockdown

Pervasive challenges remain for several Irula families whose lives have been upended by the sudden lockdown in response to the threat of the coronavirus pandemic. The primary occupation of the Irulas is fishing and agriculture. With the lockdown, they have lost their jobs. Many of them don't have ration cards and therefore, do not have access to the government aid that is being handed out. A total of 1,034 Irula families are suffering without food. The assistance requested is to provide 10 kilos of rice per family.

So far, Kari Siddamma, a long standing ASHA Fellow is coordinating the efforts on the ground. For more details and background regarding the work done by Siddamma/Bharathi Trust, please visit: <https://ashanet.org/project/?pid=579>

Below is a list of villages and the number of families affected. This list also includes the high priority families listed in red.

Siddamma meeting with and distributing rice to the Irulas during the lockdown



No.	Village Name	Family count
1	Anjaneya Nagar	55
2	Karumbeda	8
3	Kolathoor	44
4	Nediyam	40
5	Nedungal	36
6	Vinayagapuram	20
7	TT Kandigal	25
8	Gollalkuppam	15
9	Punniam	20
10	Esanthopu	5
11	Thirumalarajapettai	20
12	Melpodatturpettai	7
13	Kavarajpettai	8
14	Keelapoondi	42
15	Keelapoondi-Dalith	110
16	Venkatapuram	21
17	Athimanjeri	33
18	Kodivalasa	7
19	Kodivalasa-Dalith women	150
20	Athimanjeri-Dalith	25
21	Athimanjeri-Colony	100
22	Gandhinagar	24
23	Keechalam	21
24	Kapparkandegal	27
25	Veppakonam	25
26	Sainagar	25
27	Kothakuppam	10
28	Krishanarajakuppa	18
29	Pallikkam Polayam	15
30	Chinnapatti kuppa	10
31	Pakkam	17
32	Mouthangal	5

33	Melvalli	7	
34	Sevasamudra	3	
35	Kullandai	4	
36	Kallarapatti	16	
37	Narasinghapuram	6	
38	Puliyarpatti	6	
39	Alangyya	4	Rice = Rs 35/kg x 10 kg/family
	TOTAL Families	1034	INR 3,61,900
	High Priority Families	93	INR 32,550