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TACKLING COVID-19



The quarter was all about keeping everyone safe from sudden threat of Corona pandemics, COVID 19. Young and old, rich and poor, everyone stayed indoors, confined to their shelters with food and essentials and their focus was only on survival. The quarter threw millions of migrated people and daily wage labourers on the street, who were desperate to reach their safe abode at their villages overcoming all the challenges. And the quarter witnessed millions of people coming together to extend support to the distressed ones and lessen their pain.

Roti Sewa, was such an unprecedented initiative of Noida Authority to address hunger of thousands of migrated workers in Noida during Covid 19 lockdown crisis. We, at CSC with the support of the residents of Aditya Celebrity Homes, joined Roti Sewa initiative of Noida Authority from 15th April, 2020 and continued till 7th June, 2020. Four rotis from each family helped to reached out thousands of people during the lockdown phase and ensured that no one slept hungry in Noida.

To ensure availability of dry rations with the CSC families and to take care of children's nutrition, health & hygiene and education, CSC distributed dry rations, nutritious family packets comprising of chirwa, gur,

roasted channa, dettol soap, sanitary napkins colgate tooth paste, and copies and pen, pencils etc. were also distributed during lockdown. Mask making by the participants and mothers of CSCs stitching programme and free distribution of the masks at community through sponsors helped community to easily access cloth masks which could washes, re used and environmentally sustainable.

The quarter kept everyone occupied with more of humanitarian thoughts and action. Telephonic and digital communication helped people to stay connected. CSC too stayed connected with the children and families who went back to their villages as well as those who stayed back at Barola. At the end it was a safe quarter for all. Lockdown phase of Covid 19 was well tackled.

From the Director's Desk
Dr. Bani Bora

Contributing to Roti Sewa:

15th April-7th June,2020

No one sleeps hungry in Noida : An initiative of Noida Authority

CSC with the support of the residents of Aditya Celebrity Homes, joined Roti Sewa initiative of Noida Authority from 15th April, 2020 and continued till 7th June, 2020. It's an unprecedented initiative where about 50 societies joined together and contributed nearly 25 lakhs rotis to feed lakhs of migrated people during lockdown.

Roti Sewa worked in a chain system. Rotis from family kitchen got deposited with their tower guards and then all these rotis were collected, accounted and handed over to the Noida Authority's carriers at the main gates of each apartment who

made a final count on the total roti collection. Noida Authority then would carry these rotis to the community kitchen, where dal/vegetables were cooked for people depending upon the number of rotis they had received each day.

Roti Sewa, was not just a contribution and collection of rotis. It was also the collection and distribution of thoughts, blessings and people's willingness to stand together to save humanity. It's an extraordinary artful of saying by CSC families, "We Care, so that no one sleeps hungry in Noida".



Distribution of Dry Rations

It was one evening nearly after a month of lockdown due to pandemic Covid 19, when CSC received phone calls from children and parents requesting for providing dry rations to them. CSC contacted Noida administration and local resources, who responded with promptness and humanity. CSC started its first phase of dry ration distribution from 26th April. Till the end of June, it distributed dry rations in five phases. Apart from organizational and institutional donors our individual donors were Mukesh Vaish, Puneet Sharma, Prof.S. Y. Shah, Rony Sahai and Dr. Pranab J. Patar whoes continuous support encouraged CSC to continue it's dry ration distribution event phase wise. The fifth phase of reaching out to families and distribution of dry rations, sanitizer and masks to CSC families started from 18 June,2020 onwards. Awareness on use of masks and use of sanitizers were an important part of the distribution.



Eid Mubarrak :

25th May,2020

Due to lockdown and Covid 19 pandemic situation it was not possible for people to go for shopping during festivals time too. It was just a co-incidence that Col.I.P Singh and Manjula Dhar from Arun Vihar Community Centre, expressed their willingness to contribute towards distribution of twenty dry rations to the families of CSC. As it was the auspicious day of celebration of Eid, CSC distributed those 20 packets of dry rations to the CSC families who were celebrating Eid and to their neighbourhood families. The transportation of the rations were facilitated by Mukesh Vaish. CSC celebrated Eid by distributing dry rations and cotton masks to the families.



CELEBRATION OF IMPORTANT DAYS

Mother's Day:

10th May,2020

CSC conveys its deep appreciation for the mothers of CSC kids, who left their natives to work hard and earn a better life for their little ones. All the way they indeed compromised with all odds, specially during this crisis time they might have compromised with the expenses of their basic hygiene needs. Our thoughtful contributor Team Passion for Compassion, Noida, supported young girls/ women's of CSC families by sponsoring Sanitary napkins. CSC invited one member from one family and distributed packets to the mothers of the families.

Thank you Team Passion for Compassion for taking care of hygiene of the mothers on this special day.



World Environment Day:

5th June,2020

CSC organised online painting competitions amongst the children and received amazing responses from the participants. Use of colour and expression of thoughts were remarkable for each one of them. Their painting work was evaluated by Col.Jiten HazWarika, who very much appreciated everyone's work and awarded first the paintings. Our winners were: First : Kusum , Second: Tapasya and Mohit, Third : Ravi.



International FamilyDay :

15th May,2020

This year's 25th anniversary of Copenhagen Declaration and Beijing Platform for Action comes at a time of one of the most challenging global health and social crises. The 2020 COVID-19 pandemic brings into sharp focus the importance of investing in social policies protecting the most vulnerable individuals and families. It is the families who bear the brunt of the crisis, sheltering their members from harm, caring for out-of-school children and, at the same time, continuing their work responsibilities. (un.org). As the world struggles to respond to the COVID-19 crisis, CSC takes this real opportunity to ensure availability of dry rations with the families and to take care of children's nutritional need. The day also emphasized on distributing health & hygiene kits and basic education kits so that the holistic development of the family could be ensured through these sharing and caring. The complete project was supported by individual donors and CSC's resources.



COVID-19 (also known as Coronavirus) What you can do



Be safe and stay healthy

UP Board Results Day at CSC :

27th June,2020

27th June,2020. It was the day of class X Board results of Uttar Pradesh Board. Results were announced in the afternoon. As some of them went back to their villages due to lockdown and there were not enough network facilities to check their results online, the excitement of knowing their results continued till evening and finally we collected everyone's results. Seven girls passed class Xth UP Board Examination. They were in class VIII when we met them for the first time. They wanted to learn stitching and it was because of their wish to learn stitching CSC started WW its three months stitching course. After two years, they not only learnt and practicing stitching, but also they put on their best effort with their studies and here they are today the CSC change makers in real sense. Best wishes always.



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Life & Livelihood: Maskmaking

COVID19 pandemic is not only taking lives, it is also taking away livelihoods of many. In the face of this unprecedented humanitarian crisis, everything went topsy-turvy leaving people requiring to seek help from various quarters. It is a critical time of all of us and even more difficult for the marginalized, so support is needed at multiple levels and at a very large scale.

Despite best efforts by government agencies, there's scope for further intervention and every possible player has been trying to do their bit. It's a larger ground that's being attempted to cover in this time of crisis in a rapid manner more so at the governmental level and equally significantly at the community level by people at large including civil society organizations.

Centre for Social Change (CSC) and Global Foundation for Advancement of Environment and Human Wellness (Global Foundation) joined together with their resources and efforts to help the needy in the Noida region. In the current context, the priorities focused around life and livelihood.

CSC engaged migrant women of the community as well as former learners of CSC's cutting and tailoring course and prepared washable cloth mask. Volunteers and contributors from different sectors supported CSC in this endeavor. Prof.S.Y Shah, Rony Sahai, Nisha Rai and Puneet Sharma facilitated in reaching out about 10 thousand community people with CSC's masks. The masks developed through this community-based initiative were environmentally sustainable: could be washed and reused. With in-kind support received from residential societies in the form of cloths, these women were able to reinvent their livelihood and to support their families at this hour of crisis.

