

**ANISHA**  
Progress Report on Covid-19 Relief Work  
to  
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**Grantee Name:** ANISHA

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### **About ANISHA**

ANISHA, an NGO founded in 1994 by a group of young likeminded graduates with both rural and urban experiences. It was formally registered in Bangalore as Public Charitable Trust on 24<sup>th</sup> November 1999. Since the beginning, ANISHA has worked to improve the living conditions of slum dwellers in Bangalore, providing basic education to children with hopes of enhancing their job opportunities that would lead to improved living conditions, providing legal awareness and health support to the women.

While working in Bangalore, ANISHA studied the root causes of rural communities migrating to cities in search of jobs. As a result, the work extended from urban to rural areas of Martalli region of Hanur Taluk, Chamarajanagar district. At Martalli, ANISHA focused on addressing the food and nutritional security of small and marginal farmers and landless families through Sustainable Organic Farming and Kitchen Gardens, in 21 villages of Martalli panchayat. From 2016 to 2020, ANISHA worked with 23 schools of Ponnachi, MM Hills and Martalli panchayats in Hanur Taluk and 1426 students participated in this program.

### **Background of pandemic Relief**

A huge population of this region comprises landless labourers, small and marginal farmers, who migrated to nearby cities and states in search of jobs. Apart from working in mines/quarries, they also work in the cities as construction workers, garments factory workers, drivers, painters, carpenters, maids, and other labour-intensive jobs. The pandemic lockdowns forced these migrant families to return to their villages. They lost their jobs and thus their incomes. Their situation is painful as poverty is hitting them hard without jobs, no money and no land for cultivation.

In 2020, during Covid-19 lockdown, Anisha with the support of local groups raised funds and provided 4000 food kits to the suffering families. This year, again due to long durations of lockdowns, people are unable to find jobs and their situation is pathetic. So, ANISHA requested Guru Krupa Foundation Inc to support the needy families by providing dry ration kits and free ambulance services for patients with Covid, free masks and sanitizers for patients.

### **Objective of project:**

- To provide dry ration kit to 520 immediate needy family
- Free Ambulance service to transfer covid patients to hospital and quarantine center.

## Progress update of all planned activities

In 2020 ANISHA provided relief works during Covid pandemic. About 4000 plus food kits were distributed to the needy people in well organised manner with the help of volunteers. Teachers, youth groups, social activists, women's groups, church priest everyone volunteered in the relief. ANISHA followed the same methodology in 2021, first organised a meeting with different volunteers, formed groups, assigned responsibilities, and accordingly the groups worked coordinating with other groups.

### 1. To provide dry ration kit to 520 needy families the following Group activities were formed:

**Group 1 for identifying beneficiaries:** Since the local village school teachers know the families well, they were assigned to identify the needy families and to issue tokens for collecting food kits.

**Accomplishment:** 12 teacher volunteers listed and distributed the coupons to the beneficiaries at the village level in 1.5 days. Kit distribution time and place was announced. The packed individual food kits were loaded in a goods vehicle and parked at the distribution centre; the beneficiaries stood in line, dropped the coupon in the box, and collected the food kits. Till date 503 food kits are distributed.

**Group 2 for identifying the vendors:** To identify the whole sale dealers and purchase the ration and supply for packing in time.

**Accomplishment:** ANISHA identified and obtained quotations from three whole sale dealers, out of which one dealer was picked as the prices were competitive. Bulk orders for dry rations and packing materials were placed. The materials were received after a week and was stored at St. Josephs Health Centre premises at Martalli as it was the central point for all the villages and spacious for packing.

**Group 3 for packing:** The youth and women's groups took the responsibility of packing.

**Accomplishment:** Youth, women volunteers and staff of ANISHA packed 520 individual kits. 15 volunteers worked for 3 days packing the individual kits. First step was to measure the products and pack them individually such as ragi 10kg, rice 10kg, dal 1kg, Bengal gram 1kg and 1 packet cooking oil. Next, all the five items weighing 23 kgs were put together in a big bag and tied and kept ready for distribution. Lunch and tea for the volunteers was supplied by the St. Joseph's Health Centre for all the 3 days

**Group 4 for moving the kits:** Youth groups took the responsibility of moving the packed dry rations kits to the different distribution centres.

**Accomplishment:** We hired a tempo for shifting packed rations from St. Josephs to the different distribution centres. The youth loaded the kits on to the tempo at the packing centre and unloaded them at the different distribution centres. Beneficiaries had lined up for collection, dropped the coupons in the box kept for the purpose and collected their food kit. 503 food kits were peacefully distributed to the families.

**Group 5 for following safety rules:** This group ensured that Covid safety measures were followed at every step.

**Accomplishment:** The beneficiaries came with facemasks, maintained distance while collecting the kits. ANISHA provided 328 facemasks for those who came without facemask.

The table below shows village-wise beneficiaries of Martalli Panchayath, Hanur Taluk, Chamarajnar District.

| Village names |                           | No. of families |
|---------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1             | Huchappanadodi            | 17              |
| 2             | Bidarahalli (near church) | 10              |
| 3             | Bolidine                  | 16              |
| 4             | Kadambur                  | 25              |
| 5             | Sandanapalyam             | 38              |

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|----|-------------------------|------------|
| 6  | Suluvadi                | 35         |
| 7  | Mettutheruvu            | 105        |
| 8  | Goddest nagar           | 79         |
| 9  | Oddakahalla             | 47         |
| 10 | Keerapathi              | 49         |
| 11 | Kotapadai               | 22         |
| 12 | Kombaikadu              | 28         |
| 13 | Martalli (Bannari shed) | 32         |
|    | <b>Total</b>            | <b>503</b> |

Picture on the right: Individual kits packed and kept ready at St. Joseph's Health Centre, Martalli



Picture on the left: Distribution of kits. Beneficiaries following safety measures and collecting their food kit. A carton box was kept for dropping the coupons.



Picture above: People lined up maintaining social distance for collecting kits at the distribution centre.

## 2. Free Ambulance service to shift Covid patients to hospital and quarantine centres

More than thirty covid patients, both men and women, were shifted from Martalli to Hanur and Chamarajnagar Covid Care Centre within the Taluk and district limits. Eight patients were shifted to Mysore hospital as they were experiencing low oxygen level and two patients were shifted to Kollegal hospital with similar problem. In this many cases were post covid patients who had severe health issues were shifted to hospitals.

### Grant amount received and spend as on date and balance details are given below:

Grant Money: 10000 USD

Grant received: INR 736524.00 on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 to ANISHA's account

Grant spend: 7395.10 USD as on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Balance grant money: 2604.90 USD

Budget for Covid Relief Efforts 2021

| Particulars   | Budgeted (USD)  | Expenditure (USD) | Balance (USD)   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dry ration kits to 520 families @ \$17.28   | 9000.00         | 7,143.39          | 1,856.61        |
| Ambulance diesel charges for free shifting of covid patients during emergency, mask, hand gloves, sanitiser | 1,000.00        | 251.71            | 748.29          |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>10000.00</b> | <b>7,395.10</b>   | <b>2,604.90</b> |

### Changes in price of rations

At the time of purchasing the rations the cost of cooking oil and dal was reduced. As a result ANISHA could provide some extra ration kits to the needy people.

### Challenge encountered during relief work

Initially, it was a great challenge for the volunteer teachers to prepare the beneficiary list as everyone in the village was in need of food kit. We worked out a criterion to identify beneficiaries. They were, families who lost members due to covid, families recovering from covid, women headed families, landless families, small and marginal families, and so on.

In some villages, few families were unable to collect the kits from the distribution centre due to illness. Youth volunteers took initiative to reach the kits to the respective homes on motorbikes and bicycles.

### Acknowledgment

ANISHA is very thankful to Guru Krupa Foundation Inc for supporting us with the relief efforts. 503 families benefitted till date in the region. Still balance 17 kits yet to distribute along with some extra kits due to reduction of price.