

PRAJA SEVA SAMAJ (PSS, KADIRI) **Hunger Related Story**

1. Introduction

Gangadri is a 25 years old, Kadiri mandal, Anantapur district, state of Andhra Pradesh. They consists five members in their family. Gangadri's wife name is Ramanamma. They have 3 children. Their elder daughter name is Ganasree is 9 years old. But, she is physically and mobility impaired. Their second son's name is Karthik is 7 years old. He is studying 2nd class in primary school. Their third daughter name is Dhanya Sree is 4 years old and attending Pre-School. Dhanya is enrolled in PSS project in 2019. They are living in rented house. They paid monthly rent Rs. 2000/- with electricity charges. Gangadri is working in General store. He earns per day 250/-. Mother is a house wife. She is taking care of her three children.



In this slum, different types of community are living here. They depend on different types of works. Their daily life is continuing with daily income. Due to this pandemic Covid 19, the whole country is in crisis.

2. Situation

While their lives were going smoothly, the pandemic Covid -19 suddenly came in 2019 in worldwide. Their lives are turn into disorder. The central governments was announced Lockdown due this pandemic. The central governments have declared that they should stay at home and be safe. The central government has enacted strict orders for all state governments to reduce the spread of the epidemic and follow the social distance. Due to this situation, they express that, they have no work and no income. They are not even in a position to meet the minimum basic needs to their children and family. They expresses that, some time they feel difficulty to meet their children's needs during hungry. They said, we looked forward to seeing if any donors would help. Sometimes we starve and feed our children a while ago. In their family, a child needs medical help. How to treat this child during these difficult times of life. Their condition is very dire.

3. Response & Outcome

Praja Seva Samaj has provided food kit and hygiene kit in the villages where the project is working. These kits were also received by the child's family. The kit includes 3kgs wheat flour, 2kgs oil, 2 kgs. Red dhall, 1kg green dhall, 1kg peanut seeds, 1kg sugar, 1kg wheat ravva, one packet of coriander powder, one packet of chilli powder, one packet of turmeric and ½ kg tamarind. 4 Dettol soaps, 4 nos. masks, sanitizer bottle in Hygiene Kit. Project staff educate families on health care, how to clean hands, social distance and wearing masks. The Government of Andhra Pradesh also takes good care of public health and protection. The Government provided free ration for two time in monthly including cash Rs.1000/- who are having Ration card. They would like to thank the project for helping families who lost their jobs because of Covid-19 LOCKDOWN.



Quotes:

Parent of Ramanamma : On behalf of our family, we would like to thank the Praja Seva Samaj. At this crisis we did not expect to be able to provide these food kits to us. Through the help made by the project, we are able to eat three times a day. Today our children are eating good food and sleeping happily

Community Member of Adi Laxmamma: She expressed that, we thank to the project. About 80 families in our area received food kit. They are eating good meal in this crisis because of the PSS. We feel very happy.

4. Future Plan

We believe that in the future, it will make better programs for the well-being of children and their families.