

PRAJA SEVA SAMAJ (PSS), KADIRI

Hunger related story of need

INTRODUCTION

Ley Ena Devarinti is an PSS enrolled child living in Pillavanka Colony. Pillavanka Colony is an urban area located in Kadiri Madandal, Anantapuramu District, Andhra Pradesh, South India. Majority of the community members are daily wage labourers and small fancy items vendors. They are living under one room shed made out of sarees and waste cloths. They are vending steel vessels, female related fancy items in and around Kadiri town. The climate in the area is hot. It reaches 40°C during summer season.

Ley Ena is living with father, mother and 3 siblings. Father – Anjinappa and Mother – Nagamma both are doing domestic vessel and fancy items vending in and around the Kadiri town. Elder siblings Yepera, male child is studying 3rd standard, Sailu, female child is studying 6th standard and Dakshayani is studying 8th standard in government schools. Ley Ena is attending Pre-School and she is an active child and is always with smiley face. The elder siblings help Ley Ena for drawing activities and supporting for scribbling writing.



SITUATION

While their lives were going smoothly, the pandemic Covid -19 suddenly came in Feb – 2020 in India. Then suddenly the lives of people are turn into disorder. Both the central & state governments were announced Lockdown to prevent spread of the COVID. Due to lockdown all the people are restricted to stay at home. This was the unexpected and inexperienced situation. With this sudden incident from child to adult, all are psychologically distress in this unmingled situation and also unable to go out to eke-out livelihood. Except emergency situation, there is no health services even.

Due to this situation, they express that, they have no work and no income. They are not even in a position to meet their day-to-day needs to their children and family. They said that, they were looked forward to seek any donors would help us. In their family, the child's parents both are having kidney problem with stone formation in kidney. They are unable to do hard works in view of their health condition and they should be under medication. But, due to this situation, they are unable to get medicines.

RESPONSE & OUTCOME

Praja Seva Samaj (PSS) understood the difficulties facing by the families in various communities. The project also step forward and explained individually to overcome the

situation and also increased confidence through provision of food basket and hygienic kit. Distributed food basket and hygienic kit to the needy families in the project location. Ley Ena's family also received the kit. The food kit contains 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. The hygienic kit include 4 Dettol soaps, 4 masks and hand sanitizer bottle in Hygiene Kit.

These kits help for providing food security and habituate of hygienic practices among children and families during COVID 19 crisis situation & lockdown. The project team were sensitizing the community on importance of social distance and wearing of masks and frequent hand washing to prevent spread of COVID 19. Kits are helpful to the vulnerable communities to stick on home by availing nutrition food during lockdown under COVID 19 response. The Government of Andhra Pradesh also takes good care of public health and protection. The Government provided free ration per person 5 Kgs. Rice for two times in a month including cash Rs.1000/- to those families 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

Anjinappa, enrolled child's father expressed that "COVID 19 lockdown situation forcibly put us into a situation of hunger and question mark against future. Before lockdown, we both (me & my wife) went to vessel vending works and we could able to feed our children and meet necessary household things. In this situation, we are unable to step out our home for eking-livelihood. We felt very fear, weather we go for livelihood work, we may infected with COVID disease. Before lockdown, our children are eating one time at school with provision of mid-day meal program and one time food expenses are reduced. But, now all the children and we are facing hunger. In this situation, **PSS came forward with a HELPING HAND and provided us with food and hygienic kits.** We are very happy for the support, which help us to overcome starvation and motivate us towards hygienic practices and also provided stationary like drawing book, cryons, pencils, drawing charts, etc., which is helping a lot to our children to spend some time for their interested drawings collectively by all children.

Nagamma, mother shared that, in this pathetic situation, we received electricity bill for Rs. 589/-, last month also we paid Rs. 422/- by taking debts from neighbours. Now, we are unable to pay electricity bill, which leads to cut of electricity supply to our home. The food kit is helping to overcome hunger. For the support, I express my sincere thanks to Praja Seva Samaj.



Ley Ena & siblings handwashing with Sanitizer



Ley Ena with friends in front of home



Elder sibling supporting Ley Ena in drawing



Ley Ena with drawing picture