



Novi Survat Charitable Organisation

(New Beginnings – for the destitute of Goa)

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Since our last Newsletter I am pleased to note that there is every reason to be confident that we may at last be seeing the Covid 19 virus being overcome. The vaccine rollout is going well and the numbers of people being infected, the number of those requiring hospital treatment and the number of those dying as a result are coming down. I am sure there is a long way to go before we can relax the present restrictions but there is hope of some semblance of a return to 'normality'. What that will be remains to be seen.

Covid 19 Food Distribution.

During December we supplied food to 54 families and during this distribution we included Oranges, Apples, Water Melon and a dozen eggs to each family. In January we also delivered to 54 families and 52 in February. This is over and above our permanent projects and has to date been financed by generous donations specifically for this. We anticipate that it may be necessary to continue with these food distributions for at least another 7 or 8 months until such time as international tourism is reopened in Goa which should in turn provide work for the local people.

The following photos show the delivery truck loaded ready to visit a slum in Sangolda and some recipients waiting at Starting Point School to be given their supplies.



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Educational Sponsorship.

There are still restrictions on schools in Goa but we have 13 students who attend college or university on alternate days, the other days are spent doing on-line studies.

Altogether there are 48 students who are dependent on on-line studies which pose problems for those who do not have the either the equipment or connectivity.

One student Pralhad is attending the Hilton Hotel as an intern studying hotel management.

Day Care Centre

The Day Care Centre is still under lockdown rules but they are managing to see one child per day at the centre and supervise the others who are being visited at their respective homes. This is far from ideal but it is better than nothing as without regular physiotherapy they would regress.

Starting Point.

Due to the schools lockdown a number of the younger children who would normally attend Starting Point School have returned to their native villages in other states leaving just 14 children who are collecting a weeks' worth of lessons from the school to complete at home.

Financial.

Whilst we have had slightly less money being spent on education (we have not had to buy all students new uniforms this year due to the schools being closed) the Covid 19 Food Distribution is costing over £1300.00 per month which has to date been financed by generous donations. We anticipate having to continue this support for another seven or eight months which will require us to use some of our reserve funds.

Sponsors / Supporters.

Once again you have been very generous in donating to the Covid 19 food Fund as well as continuing to make regular monthly payments. This has been a tremendous help as due to the lockdown we are unable to generate income from sales in the Exmouth Indoor Market, the many fundraising events that take place in the summer months and receipts from collecting boxes in various retail outlets.

Without your continued support we could not help those who find themselves in dire straits due to no fault of their own and they are extremely grateful for the help you are able to give them.

Best wishes for the future.

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