

Project proposal to IndienHilfe

Project Title: Support the Covid victims; providing nutritional dry ration Kits and family Hygiene kits to the Corona Affected People in and around Shimoga.

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Legal Status:	MSSS is a registered Society with the registration number No.219/SOR/SMG/90-91.
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History of the Organization

Malnad Social Service Society (MSSS) is the official organization for social concern and development of Syro- Malabar Diocese of Bhadravathi. MSSS is a non-profit, secular and non-political organization established in 1991. It was registered under the Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 and having registration number- No.219/SOR/SMG/90-91. MSSS is registered under 12A and also registered under Ministry of Home Affairs under Foreign Contribution Regulation Act.

MSSS began its social work in a charity mode and gradually shifted to welfare and developmental modes. At present MSSS undertakes different Social development activities like education, health and human development activities including empowerment of rural poor, through the process of sensitization, capacity building, training and exposure with an integrated, need based and right based approaches. MSSS is giving importance to sustainable livelihood development of the rural families and caters the needs of the people living with HIV/AIDS. Our Operational area is Shimoga and Chikmagalur Districts in the state of Karnataka.

VISION: “A Society Living in Dignity, love, truth, justice and happiness”.

MISSION: “TO HAVE LIFE, LIFE IN ITS FULLNESS”

GOAL: Our goal is to Integral Development of all sections of people especially the poor and the marginalized in partnership with like –minded individuals, institutions and departments. .

TRUST AREAS: The restoration of legitimate rights of people, Gender Equity, Promotion of Community health with special focus on HIV/AIDS and Sustainable Livelihood and to make Child friendly environment.

APPROACH: Integrated, Participatory, Community focused, Gender Sensitive, Result based and Right based.

Achievement of the organization in the past five years

The organization has been working for the poor and marginal families in the Diocese. In the past five years women empowerment program took a new dimension. As of now there are 186 women SHGs in the project area. These SHGs are brought in to Panchayath/ Ward level federations by name Okkootta. Now there are 2 federations which are actively functioning. These SHGs are given loan to start small enterprises also.

The MSSS is involved in child care and protection through a collaborative unit of Child line India foundation, since April 2011, with the service of 24 hours toll free phone service. As on date a total No 2306 cases were attended which includes medical, shelter, missing child restoration, protection from abuse, child marriage and child labor.

MSSS is also giving importance to Sustainable Livelihood Development through Integrated approach by developing methods of organic farming based on right based approach in the location of poor villages of Shimoga - Malnad areas.

In collation with Caritas India, we have initiated a program to cater to the needs of Cancer patients through the new program called SPARSHA – instilling hope among the Cancer patients. Through this initiative, we are providing cancer awareness as well as detention camps, encouraging nutritious kitchen garden and thereby leverage in cancer patients.

Navajeevan community care centre is another initiative of MSSS with the help of Catholic Health Association of India. It takes care of the health care of the HIV /AIDS affected people which include shelter, medicine and nutrition. We are happy to note that thousands of HIV patients are benefitted though the noble initiatives of Navajeevan Community Centre and now it is further improved upon as Navajeevan Holistic and Palliative Care Centre.

The Present Need:

Support the Covid victims; Providing Food/Grocery Kit to the Corona Affected People of Shimoga City and thereby to provide nutrition food and Hygiene kits to the lactating mothers and children.

The pandemic called covid-19 has done sufficient havoc in this area. Slowly people were able to overcome the nightmare of it, but now we are hit by the second wave. As we understand, the second wave is more dangerous than the first as it hits people of every age and the younger ones also are not out of its clutches. Hence the second wave of Covid-19 has created confusion, frustration and fear among the people all over, especially in Karnataka. As the number of cases is going up, the government has imposed lock down; partial in the initial level and now moreover less full lock down for practical sense. People cannot go for daily work as no one hires them due to corona-fear. On one side, they are not used to sit at home which is not spacious and under summer heat, and on the other side, as they are daily laborers, they are dependent on their daily work for their sustenance. Hence the havoc that is created by the second outbreak of Corona virus is really fatal. People are under real utter frustration; not knowing how to proceed or to face the current situation.

We have many slum dwellers as well as nomads who live in mere temporary sheds or tents. The family to live under one small tent during this hot summer is really difficult. Normally the children studying in the Government schools are provided with mid-day meals and nutrients such as eggs and milk. But now since a year, the schools are closed and hence they don't get these items and therefore the frustration of the parents increase further.

Providing cooked food is not practical due to the fear of the spread of covid 19. Hence when we discussed with the police department, they are of the opinion that it is better to give dry ration kit

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instead of prepared food. Providing Ration works out to be costlier, but we need to do something to alleviate the hunger of the people. Hence we thought of providing ration kits to alleviate the hunger of people at least to an extent. There are pregnant women, lactating mothers as well as small children living in these tent homes. We need to reach to these people in urgent manner.

Medical help is not reaching to the poor people as most of the hospitals are working partially only. Hence as a result of lock down, the lactating mothers and children are also affected. Closure of schools is another great concern that these children also are to be taken care of by the parents.

We are glad to recall that IndienHilfe came to the rescue of these people last year and a few others also helped them through our interventions. I am attaching some those photos also.

I am also happy to note that with the intervention of CNEWA, we could provide one round of distribution to this group. But one round is not sufficient for these people who are under their tent home for weeks and moths together. Their survival is at the mercy of different people who come to support them.

The suggested items for the dry ration kit:

Rice (3 kgs), Beaten Rice (1 kg), Rava (1 kg), Mung Bean (1 kg), Bengal Gram (1 kg), Green Peas (1/2 kg), Oil (1 litre) , Salt (1 Kg), Sugar (2 kgs), Tea –dust (250 grms), Chilly powder (250 grms), Sambar powder (250 grms), Turmeric Powder (100 grms) .

Each kit consisting of the above items will cost approximately around: Rs. 879/-

(A Detailed Estimate is enclosed)

The suggested items for Hygiene Kits:

Washable Mask (6 Pieces), Sanitizer 1, Hand wash 1, Bathing Soap 2

Each kit consisting of the above items will cost approximately around: Rs. 327/-

(A Detailed Estimate is enclosed)

Selection of People:

As the number of needy is more, we are unable to reach out to all. Hence at a random baseline survey that we made with our Child line staff, the following number of people are identified; who stay in the make-shift tents and are really affected by Covid 19. They are found to be the neediest people to be helped because they do not possess ration card and hence they may not get the government helps:

MRS Circle (around)	:	115 families,
Gadikoppa area	:	87 families,
Sri-ram Pura	:	91 families
Vinay Nakara	:	85 families
Old bus stand area	:	110 families
Mari-deepa	:	90 families

Total	:	578 families
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Each family consists of 5-8 members and hence it will cater to approximately 4100 people.







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Fund Requirement:

1.	Dry ration kit : 578 families x Rs. 879/-	= 5,08,062.00
2.	Hygiene kits : 578 families x Rs. 327/-	= 1,89,006.00
3.	Transportation charges (Lump sum)	= <u>28,000.00</u>
	Total	= 7,25,068.00

Distribution Scheme:

Malnad Social Service Society takes care of the social concerns of the entire diocese of Bhadravathi. We have different programs and one such program is **Child-help-line**; caring for the children in distress. There are nine staff members working under it and they are working even during lock-down period. They are provided with **special pass** from government department. Hence they can be of use for distribution. There are **volunteers under our NGO** who are ready to extend their helping hand.

With the help of our Child line staff as well as volunteers associated with MSSS we can initiate the distribution process. Police department has expressed their willingness to support us to distribute the items. We can buy the items from the departmental stores. Then with the help of the volunteers we can make the kits for distribution. We already procured the necessary Curfew pass for the movement in the city. Maintaining the necessary precaution and care, we can distribute to the above mentioned needy people, with the help of volunteers and police personnel.

Our Request:

As we are aware, the first wave of Corona pandemic has done sufficient havoc in every part of the world. As people were getting back to normalcy that the second wave of it is very much around. Like in other places, here in Shimoga too people are slowly getting the heat of the situation. In this round, more youngsters – the bread winners of the family are getting affected. In the present context of the lock down declared by the government as well as due to the fear of Corona pandemic, all are affected. But in a special way, the poor people who live in make shift tents are very much affected due to lack of food and health issues. The sanitation facility and the summer heat add fury to the existing struggle. In such a context; as church members and people with social responsibility, we cannot keep our eyes closed. We want to help these people but we have only human resources and we don't have the financial resources. We tried with different agencies and we could help them to an extent. But now these people are more

affected. That is why we thought of approaching IndienHilfe for financial support to materialise this project and to extend support during this pandemic.

Though the lock down started with a week, is extended further and now it has completed more than 7 weeks and it is further extended and we are not sure how long it would last. We have to understand the fact that the lock-down has really affected every sections of the society including the business people. Hence our effort to raise local fund is not very successful at the moment. However we still try our best. Hence in order to feed the poor hungry people; we cannot materialize this project unless we get some outside financial support. Therefore we approach **IndienHilfe with hope and faith that you will come to our rescue and provide the required fund to implement this project.** We are hopeful that you will help us at this crucial time to fill the empty stomachs of the poor people; especially the lactating mothers, pregnant women and the children of above mentioned groups and also to provide Hygiene items to keep themselves safe and clean.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Yours Sincerely,

s/d

Fr. Abraham Areeparambil

Director, MSSS – Shimoga.