
**WITNESSING
3.27 MILLION SMILES**
**Don Bosco Solidarity
COVID 19 Relief**



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We have now lived through six months of this COVID 19 pandemic. And how our lives have changed! According to government data, there are **893,592** active cases of infection and **106,490** deaths to date (MOHFW 10.10.2020), making India the second most-infected country in the world. Looking back to the panic triggered by the virus and the abrupt lockdown in March 2020, we immediately recall the disturbing images of desperate migrant and daily wage labourers trying to get home from cities because they had no income, jobs, or social safety net for protection. The 'invisibility' of these people in government records meant they could not access free ration offered by the State then and that they receive no compensation for their losses/deaths now.

Don Bosco Network integrated the individual efforts of the Don Bosco family across India into the Don Bosco Solidarity COVID 19 Relief campaign which helped partners access and distribute resources to the most vulnerable everywhere, touching **3.27 million** lives to date.

With the objective to **Save and Sustain**, the solidarity efforts focused initially on providing immediate relief in terms of food and preventing the spread of the infection. The network ensured food security to **1,238,930** people. **990,556** people including migrants were provided with packaged food on their way home. Besides educating vulnerable people about the infection and its prevention, face masks and hygiene kits were distributed across India, while PPE kits were provided to frontline healthcare workers.

Looking beyond the emergency relief especially after the lockdowns were lifted, Don Bosco Network looked for ways to support migrant and daily wage workers to get back on their feet. Cash for work programmes and skills training equip them to find different ways to earn a living. SMiLE was launched to empower migrants through education about their rights and skills training. Disaster management trainings for women in disaster-prone areas help promote resilience and mitigate damage.

The plight of the children of the migrants and daily wagers has become a focal point. The Don Bosco Network partners are rallying around to support them while their parents find their feet in a terribly difficult economic situation. Don Bosco Network through its partners supported **6,909** students in Don Bosco schools, who were unable to pay fees due to loss of income/unemployment. In bridging the urban-rural digital divide, its Smart Classrooms project upgraded **17** rural schools with technology and teacher training, to organise online classes benefitting **13930** rural students. Smart devices were provided for **163** deserving students to access online classes. Covid-19 Safe Schools project aims to prepare Don Bosco schools with everything needed to reopen with a safe environment.

As we complete six months of solidarity efforts amid ever-rising cases of COVID 19, we hope to continue to bring solace and smiles especially to the children of the vulnerable communities we serve.

COVID-19 Solidarity by Don Bosco India

Touched **3.27 million** lives



1,248,231
Beneficiaries of
Ration kits



990,556
Beneficiaries of
Ready-to-eat food



Education
support
21,019
People



996,911
Beneficiaries of
Health and Nutrition
Items



Livelihood
Support
2,746
People



Donation to Govt.
Relief Funds (INR)
2,514,000

This brief interim report lays out Don Bosco Network's interventions and outreach between 25 March - 10 October 2020.

Relief interventions:

1. Distribution of grocery kits
2. Distribution of cooked food, mini meals to migrants
3. Distribution of masks, sanitary & hygiene kits, PPEs
4. Distribution of cookies, cakes, nutrition kits, baby kits, chapatis, yoghurt, water
5. Counselling services
6. Contribution to Government relief funds
7. Cash transfers/ Cash for work
8. Education support for children
9. Livelihood support for migrant workers

Target groups:

1. Migrants, slum dwellers, poorest of the poor, transgenders, daily-wagers, and other vulnerable families
2. Elderly people without support
3. Stranded individuals
4. Visually challenged
5. People living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA)
6. Children of migrants and daily wagers

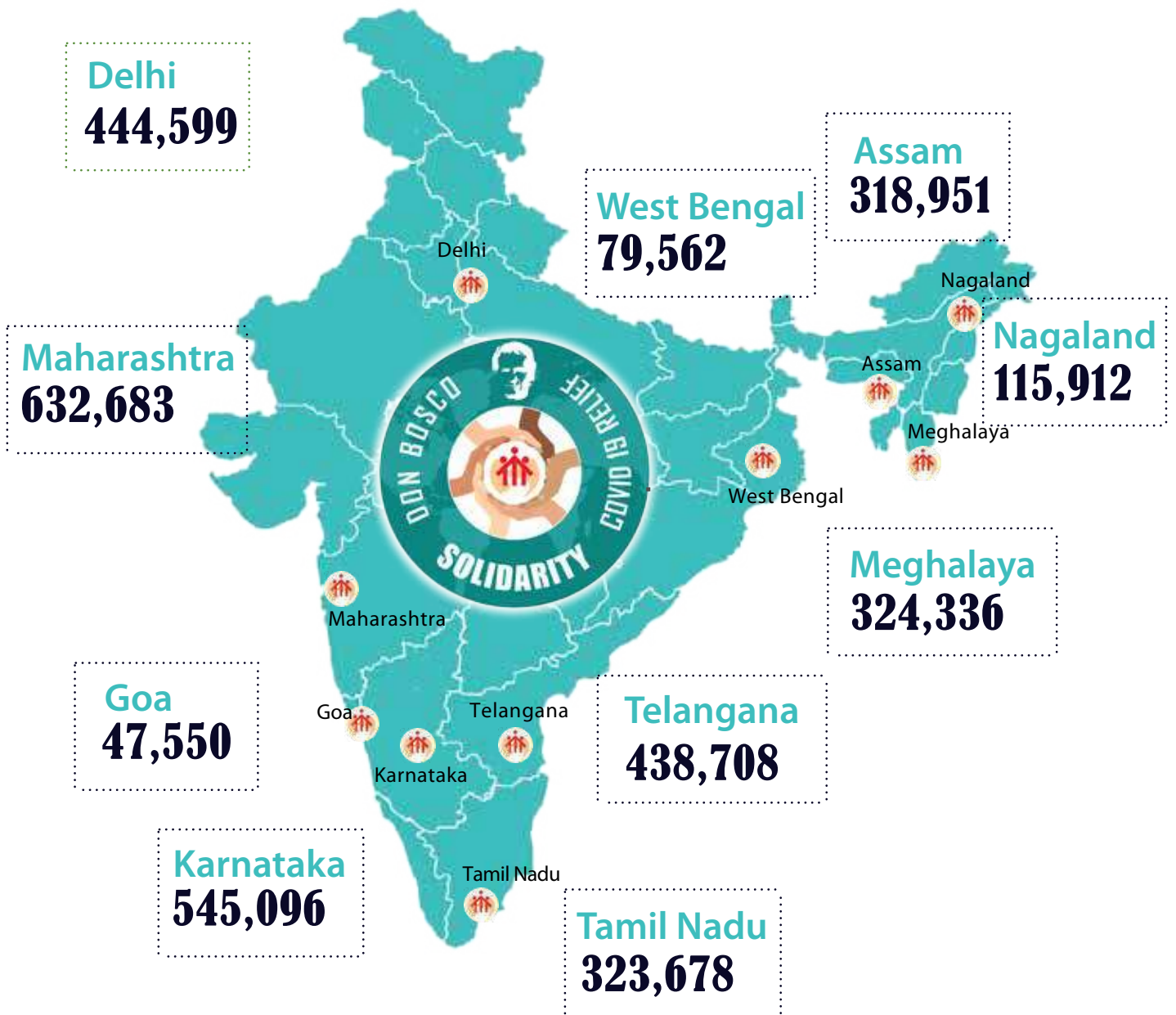
Process of Aid Distribution:

- Procuring prior permissions and vehicle permits from the relevant authorities
- Organising security from the police and/or other government officials
- Mobilisation of volunteers
- Adherence to proper safety measures as per government guidelines
- Documentation of beneficiaries as requested by the sponsors/donors
- Dignified distribution of aid to beneficiaries



THANK YOU!

DON BOSCO NETWORK PARTNERS



DON BOSCO NETWORK COVID 19 OUTREACH

as on 10.10.2020

5,471,677

MAHARASHTRA

Cash - 1,909,790
Kind - 3,561,887

2,336,465

WEST BENGAL

Cash - 2,094,785
Kind - 241,680

1,266,250

NAGALAND

Cash - 1,266,250

2,374,250

ASSAM

Cash - 2,214,250
Kind - 160,000

3,261,245

TELANGANA

Cash - 3,000,315
Kind - 260,930

6,516,762

KARNATAKA

Cash - 2,571,300
Kind - 3,945,462

7,702,135

TAMIL NADU

Cash - 6,909,200
Kind - 792,935

4,896,998

DELHI

Cash - 2,096,750
Kind - 2,800,248

1,120,700

GOA

Cash - 1,120,700

600,500

MEGHALAYA

Cash - 600,500

100,000

SRI LANKA

Cash - 100,000

4,211,851

BOSCONET

Cash - 4,135,851
Kind - 76,000

39,858,833

Total Value (in INR)

Cash - 28,019,691

Kind - 11,839,142

Looking Ahead in Solidarity

Addressing the long-term concerns of sustainability and livelihood for the migrants and daily wagers, and the vital education needs of their children, Don Bosco Network has initiated the following programmes:

1. Skill training and job placement assistance for unskilled youth to improve their employability and earning potential. The project is being implemented in Tiruppur, Tamil Nadu, India. Under this project, at least 80 unemployed and unskilled youth will acquire technical skills for better job opportunities and placement guidance.
2. Gardening training for the tribal people in Yercaud, Tamil Nadu, India. The project aims to create self-employment or job opportunities in nursery gardens for the tribal population in Yercaud hills.
3. Livelihood support for underprivileged girls by providing training in tailoring, making bags and face masks along with marketing assistance. A total of 50 underprivileged girls are undergoing training in Hyderabad. Acquiring new skills would help these girls to earn incomes.



4. Educational support for poor children. COVID-19 has created a digital divide between the rich and the poor and the rural and the urban in accessing online coaching. Through this project, 163 children received mobile phones or television sets to access online classes, 6,909 students received school fee and education material support, and 17 schools were equipped with technology to provide distance education to rural students. These technically enabled schools impact 13930 students. Covid-19 Safe Schools project aims to prepare Don Bosco schools with everything needed to reopen with a safe environment.

5. The unplanned COVID-19 nationwide lockdown exposed the pathetic condition and the extent of exploitation of interstate migrant workers in India. Despite umpteen laws, guidelines and departments, migrant workers are exploited because of their ignorance. Don Bosco Network has initiated Sustained Migrants Livelihood and Empowerment (SMiLE) to empower around 13,500 migrant workers by educating them about their rights and privileges and creating a system of support for them. This project is being implemented in Kerala, Chennai, and Hyderabad.



SOLIDARITY TO SAVE AND SUSTAIN

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**THANK
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