

AN APPEAL

I am presenting an APPEAL for your kind perusal.

Dear Madam/Sir,

Grama Vikas has been implementing development projects in 6 taluks (revenue sub districts) of Kolar district and we entered into different taluks at different points of time as shown below.

Where we are working:

Sl No.	Name of the taluk (sub district)	Since
01	Mulbagal Taluk	1979-1980
02	Bangarpet Taluk (known as BOWRINGPET)	2004-2005
03	In the remaining 4 Taluks through other NGOs	2012 September

Focus group:

Grama Vikas has been working always with the farm less (landless), small marginal and small farmers families. There are many single parent families who rear children with an income of US\$ 2 and less than 2 a day. On an average the size of the families is 5. This income has to be to meet food, medical, educational, clothing and other unexpected needs.

People are managing their lives with the revenue (income) they generate from daily wages. Meanwhile, this CORONA entered into the world. The government of India announced LOCK DOWN. These people with whom we are working with development projects have also affected by LOCK DOWN.

Present situation:

NO Employment opportunities at all. People confined to their homes.

Government intervention:

People receive rice and wheat at subsidy price from the government run food supply programme. Per family 5 kilograms of rice and two kilograms of wheat a month.



WOMEN FROM DODDIGANA HALLI ASSEMBLED TO COLLECT FOOD

Present need:

At this time of hour to develop lot of immunity in the body people need balanced (nutritious) food. To provide balanced food for the body they need vegetables, cooking oils, pulses (lentils/edible seeds of various leguminous plants) to provide protein, and



saambar ingredients, eggs and meat. In this time of crisis of people cannot afford certain foods such as meat. Pulses replace it to a great extent. Every second child in the communities are suffering with stunted growth problem.

Unfortunately, monsoon failed partially both in 2018 and 2019 and as a result not even 50% food production. The present situation adds fuel to fire. In the last five years, about 57,000 children died in Karnataka due to malnutrition. Children and aged people are easy prey to CORONA. Hence, we have decided to supply BALANCED DIET to about 1000 families initially which will be of Rs.10,00,000/- (US\$ 13,075 1 US\$ equals to Rs.76.4825 as on 15th April 2020) and weekly vegetables worth of Rs.400/- (US\$ 5.2299 as on 15th April 2020) for four weeks, which together

will be Rs.12,00,000/- (US\$ 15,690) Together it will be Rs.22,00,000/- (US\$ 28,765).

We are in the process of raising US\$ 28.763 to meet one-month food and vegetables for 1000 families who come under Devarayasamudra Grama Panchayat (local government) jurisdiction which covers 17 villages.



YOUNG WOMEN BRIGADE GETTING READY TO DISTRIBUTE FOOD ITEMS

What Grama Vikas (GV) has been done till date i.e. 19th April, 2020:

Till date Grama Vikas has utilized Rs.2,07,302/- (about US\$ 2,710). Source of this expenditure was Grama Vikas own Funds and donations raised from Board members of the organization, friends, staff of the organization, and well-wishers of Grama Vikas to the tune of Rs.2,07,302/- (US\$ 2,710).



COLLECTING ONIONS & VEGETABLES

So far, we have supplied the following to 114 families in Devarayasamudra Grama Panchayat villages.



COLLECTING RED CHILLIES (SPICES)

1. Pulses of 4 varieties
3. Red chillies
5. Garlick
7. Coriander seeds
9. Sugar
11. Jaggery
13. Onions



COLLECTING MEDICINES FOR DIABETES

2. Cumin seeds
4. Oil
6. Tomato
8. Potato
10. Cumin seeds
12. Oil
14. Mustard seeds

In addition to the above weekly following vegetables supplied:

Onions
Tomato
Egg plant
Green leafy vegetables

Potato
Ladies fingers (Bhendi)
Ridge gourd
Raddish



AFFIXING SIGNATURE BEFORE COLLECTING MEDICINES



SIGNING THE DOCUMENT





DISTRIBUTION OF LENTILS

WOMEN AT HONNSETTHALLI ASSEMBLED TO COLLECT FOOD FROM GRAMA VIKAS.



CLEANING VILAGE LAKE, COLLECTING PLASTICS FROM THE VILLAGE LAKE TO TRANSPORT TO RECYCLE UNIT

For all the above dollar rupee exchange rate was taken @ 1US\$ = 76.4825 AS ON 15TH APRIL 2020.

Happy to share with you the details of the **EXPENDITURES** and the **DONATIONS** we received so far.

Expenses Details of COVID - 19 Relief program from 31st March - 2020 to 19th April - 2020				
Sl. No.	Activity Details	Name of the Village	Beneficiaries Details	Amount
1	Contribution for Essential & Medicines	Antheregange Vidhya Samsthe, Kolar	52 Mentally Challenged children & 17 old age peoples	10,000.00
2	Food items, vegetables and medicines	Honnasetthalli - 49 Families Hosakere - 7 Families Ramanathapura - 6 Families Doddiganahalli - 41 Families Bellamballi -7 Families Mallapanahalli - 3 Families Cholanagunte - 1 Family	555 population in 114 Families	1,85,302.00
3	Food supply to distribute	in Kolar city	857 people	12,000.00
			Total expenses	2,07,302.00
<p>Note: 1. Rs. 1,44,600/- Contribution from Donors (list attached) 2. Rs. 50,702/- Grama Vikas General Fund 3. Rs. 12,000/- Grama Vikas Staff contribution to Kolar and other places.</p>				

List of Donors for COVID - 19 Relief program conducted in Devarayasamudra Grama Panchayat of Mulbagal taluk, Kolar from 31st March - 2020 to 25th April - 2020

Sl No.	Details of Donors	Amount
1	Mrs. Pavithra T L	5000.00
2	Dr. Vivek Muthuramalingam	5000.00
3	<i>Sri. K. V. Ramesh</i>	5000.00
4	Smt. Sudhamani N	2000.00
5	Sri. Vishwanath S	10000.00
6	Mr. Sudeep K	2500.00
7	Sri. Augustine Ullatil,	5000.00
8	Mr. Mahesh Kumar Narayana	3000.00
9	Mr. Vinod Gowda K R	2000.00
10	Mr. K. Krishna Somayaji	10000.00
11	Mrs. Salila Prasad Vankata	2000.00
12	Mr. Gopa Kumar Marayil	5000.00
13	Mr. Raveendra Bhat	10000.00
14	Mr. Prasad Jonathan	2000.00

15	Dr. G. Vijayalakshmi	2000.00
16	Mrs. Nandini Ram	1500.00
17	Smt. Chithra Vishwanath S	10000.00
18	Mr. Sandeep Coushik	5000.00
19	Mr. Talya Ramanand	4000.00
20	Mr. Bharadhwaj	3000.00
21	Mr. Guruprasad Thippasan	100.00
22	Dr. Gayathri Devi K G	5000.00
23	Mr. Guruprasad Thippasan	25000.00
24	Smt. Suma Rao	5000.00
25	Mr. Vijay Menon	3000.00
26	Sri. Babitha George & other	2500.00
27	Mr. Dheeraj Singh, Gurugram, Haryana	10000.00
	Total	1,44,600.00
GV Team/Staff		
1	Sri M.V.N Rao	8000.00
2	Ms. Girija M.S	4000.00
	Total	12000.00

I sincerely request and deeply appreciate friends and readers of this APPEAL to contribute generously to support the needy and most unfortunate fellow citizens at this time of crisis. Even a small amount will plant smiles on the face of a child and this smile of a small child gives immense satisfaction in life.

The Bank details are as follows:

For Foreign Contributions

Name of the Account : Grama Vikas
A/c Number : 0769101005199
IFSC : CNRB0000769
Bank : CANARA BANK
Branch : Mulbagal branch

For Domestic Contributions

Name of the Account : Grama Vikas Local Fund
A/c Number : 0769101010855
IFSC : CNRB0000769
Bank : CANARA BANK
Branch : Mulbagal branch

Thanking you all,
With best of the regards
M.V.N. Rao (Mr.)
Executive Director
Grama Vikas (GV)

When God closes one door, He opens another door

Every crisis gives you an opportunity. If you are a positive guy you will identify an opportunity. When it came to our notice about disgusted farmers are NOT harvesting TOMATO crop, immediately we used our experience of converting fresh TOMATOS into TOMATO FLAKES and since I am from West Godavari of Andhra Pradesh, thought of SPICY TOMATO PICKLE making. A meeting of 14 young women who are all studying 10th class, PUC and graduation were invited for a meeting and put the ideas of TOMATO FALKES AND TOMATO PICKLE in front of them which excited them. Immediately, contacted a farmer in the neighboring Ramanathapura village to find out TOMATO price in the market. He said that since there is no market for tomato's in the mandis decided to leave the tomato garden without harvesting. The NGO senior team members including the administrator and the accountant decided to pay Rs.5/- per kg and bought ONE TONNE. About 800 quintals of tomato was distributed to the people in a few villages and 150 kilos used to CONVERT into flakes and tomato pickle which was prepared without using CHEMICAL preservatives and permitted colour. This crisis created by COVID 19 gave the following:

- a. People in general and women in particular meet almost every day at 4pm. and we update people with information about COVID 19.





ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಮುಟ್ಟಿಸಿದರೆ ಲ್ಲ ವಿಷಯ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರ ಮೂಲಕ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಮುಟ್ಟಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ ಎಚ್ಚರಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ಪಾಲಿಸಿ ಆರೋಗ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಆವರಣ ಸ್ಥಳ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡಿದಾಗ ಸುಳ್ಳು ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಮತ್ತು ಸಣ್ಣ ಠಾಪಿಡಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಸಿ ಕ್ಲಾರಿಫೈ ಮಾಡಿದರು.

ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಜನತೆ ಇದನ್ನು ವಿರೋಧಿಸಿ ಕ್ಲಾರಿಫೈ ಆಗಲೇಬೇಕೆಂದು ಒತ್ತಡ ತಂದ ಮೇರೆಗೆ ರಾತ್ರಿ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಹಳ್ಳಿ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಕುಟುಂಬ ಬೆಂಬಲಗಳು ಗ್ರಾಮಾಂತರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಸಿರಿಗೊಂಡಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರು ನಿಟ್ಟಿಸಿದರು ಬಿಟ್ಟರೆ. ಬುಧವಾರ ರಾತ್ರಿ ಗ್ರಾಮವಿಳಾಸ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಸ್ಥ ಎಂ.ವಿ.ಸರಾಂಪಾಲ್ ಸೇತುಪ್ಪರವರಿಗೆ ಸಭೆ ಸೇರಿದ ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರು ಇದನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಎಂದು ಪ್ರಮಾಣವಚನ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರಿಮಿನಲ್ ಏಜೆಂಟರುಗಳ ಸಹಿತ ಮಧ್ಯ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನೂ ಅಟ್ಟಿಲ ಪದಗಳಿಂದ ಬೈದಿ ಕಾಳಿ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆಗೆ ಕರೆಸುವುದಾಗಿ ಸವಾಲು ಹಾಕಿ ಹೋಗಿರುವುದು ಗ್ರಾಮಸ್ಥರಲ್ಲಿ ಆತಂಕ ಉಂಟು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಈ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಆಗಾ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್ ಆರೋಗ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ದೂರು ನೀಡಲು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರೋನಾ ಹಾಗೂ ಭಯಾನಕ ವಿಸರ್ಜನೆ

ಸೇವೆಯನ್ನು ಮನುಷ್ಯನು ಆರಂಭಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ತಾಯಂದಿರು ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮತ್ತು ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕ ಅಂತರ ಕಾಂಕ್ಷಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಮಕ್ಕಳಿಗೆ ಚಿಟ್ಟುಮಾಡುವ ಪಾಠನುಬಿಡುವುದು ಡಿಎಚ್.ಒ. ಡಾ.ವಿಜಯಕುಮಾರ್ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

ಜನತೆಯನ್ನು ಗಲಾಟೆ ಮೂಲಕಗಳು ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಹೊಸಕೋಟೆ ಹಳ್ಳಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಗ್ರಾಮಕ್ಕೆ ಕರೋನಾ ವಾಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ಯೂಟ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಚರಣೆಯಿಂದ ದೂರವಾಗಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದರೆ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಮರಣವಾಗಲಾರವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ತಾಲೂಕು ಸಂಚಾರಿ ಮಾಲಿ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ ವಾಣಿಜ್ಯ ಅಂತರ ಕುಟುಂಬಕ್ಕೆ ಸೇರಿದವರಾಗಿ ಆಗಾ ಕಾರ್ಪೊರೇಟ್

b. Women started growing COMMUNITY KITCHEN GARDEN

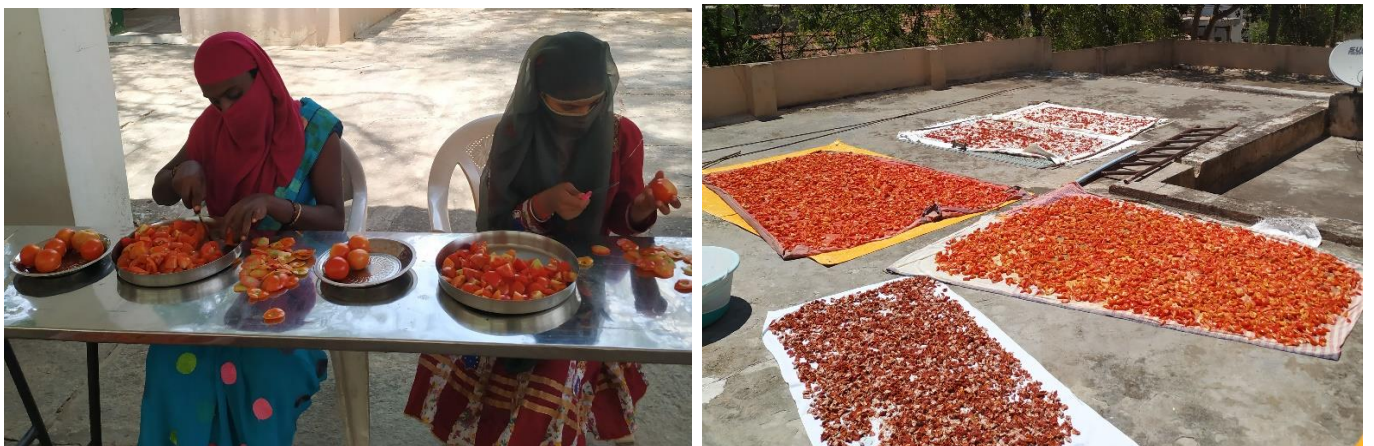


c. Young women from 14 families were given an opportunity where they learn how to process TOMATO FLAKES





d. These 14 girls influenced 40 families in the village to process TOMATOS into TOMATO FLAKES



- e. These 14 girls team also learnt how to make Andhra style spicy TOMATO PICKLE from TOMATOS which is free from chemical preservatives and permitted colours

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REINVENTION



A farmer dries up tomatoes to make tomato flakes in Mulbagal, Kolar district.

Tomato finds new use in times of lockdown

ANITA PAILOOR
BENGALURU, DHNS

When tonnes of tomatoes are getting wasted in the fields of Kolar, a village in Mulbagal taluk is trying to help the farmers of its neighbouring village by adding value to this major crop of the region.

Forty-nine families of Honnasetihalli are making sun dried tomato flakes and have used half a tonne in the last two days.

"We have seen farmers struggling due to a steep drop in the demand. We thought we could support them by utilising two resources that are abundant now - the sun and the time," said Girija MS of Grama Vikas, an organisation that is supporting these villagers with training and supply of tomatoes.

Girija and her team bought tomatoes from the neighbouring village at a rate of Rs 4 per kg as quoted by the farmers themselves. While there is no market for tomatoes, even those who could sell got only Re 1 per kg in the market.

Tomatoes are cleaned, sliced, sun dried with a pinch of salt and turmeric sprinkled

over them. After three days, the flakes are stored in airtight containers.

"We had harvested tomatoes before the lockdown began so didn't find it difficult to market. We couldn't see our neighbours suffering losses. If they can't sell their produce they won't be able to grow their next crop," says Radha, a villager.

The organisation acknowledges the support extended by people from across cross sections in this venture.

Dried tomato flakes can be used in a variety of dishes from pizzas and pasta to rasam. It is ideal to use solar driers for the process. Care should be taken to maintain hygiene to avoid microbial contamination. It is a must to get the product certified by FSSAI if they intend to market the product," said Svati Bhogle, one of the scientists who developed the process of drying tomatoes. She also said that 100 kg of ripe tomatoes yield 5 kg of dried flakes and hence it is feasible to do when the price is low.

MVN Rao, executive director, Grama Vikas, said that they are making the best use of the situation and they have tried sun drying tomatoes in the past as well.



- f. Also trained how to make ONION FLAKES

The following three were addressed by the organisation to prepare people in the village

a. **Awareness** on Covid-19(hand wash and using masks and the importance of maintaining social distance/physical distance

b. Relief activities

Social engineering process started in the village which was completely disappeared because of MICROFINANCE ACTIVITY before 2019 B.C.

People meet every day for two or three hours and discuss different issues related to corona

c. Livelihoods:

Engaging themselves in NREGA works which will be water and soil conservation

d. Nutritional security:

Community is contemplating to grow different kind of vegetables on the tank bed so that they can counter such crisis not depending on outside intervention.

Already started growing green leafy vegetables which can be harvested in 21 days' time.