

PROJECT IN FOCUS

PROJECT HOPE is a community-based project to care and help the poor, carry out educational programs, help orphans and widows and the HIV/AIDS affected. It's a major effort to move families beyond homelessness and poverty. It provides low-income men, women with access to education, jobs, housing, and emergency services.

It also provides a weekly mobile medical van, helping the HIV/AIDS affected, providing, medical help and emergency services.

Covid had a devastating effect not only in our nation but the whole world. When there was complete lockdown, everyone was badly affected but the daily wage earners were hit the most. We, at Project Hope, distributed many grocery kits to many families who needed help at this time.

The several weeks of lockdown has caused a lot of migrant workers to be laid off their jobs and have fled large town and cities to their hometown. In this situation too, we have helped and provided them with small packages of fruits and juice for their journey; the same was distributed to more than 300 migrant workers.

MISSION STATEMENTS

Project Hope's mission is to bring Hope to people from all walks of life.

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES (2018-19)

1. Project Hope is a community-based project to help the poor and the needy.

Looking at this huge slum area we felt the need to help them by providing medical assistance through qualified doctors and also, providing medicines. Our weekly mobile medical camp helped many with medicine and doctor's advice.

2. Apart from this, Project Hope offers medical assistance to the poor and the low-income group.
3. We also felt the need to help the street kids with by at least providing them meals once a week and look into, their education if needed.

PROJECT ACHIVEMENTS (2018-19)

1. Weekly Mobile Medical Camp.

The weekly medical camp was held in Khadi in Borivali West and medicines were given to the sick. Those needing Specialized cares were directed towards the hospitals. In special cases requiring financial support is scrutinized and assistance provided. In 2018-19, 536 males, 503 females and 111 children were treated.



2. Medical Assistance.

With the help of a doctor in our locality, we could identity patients who were hospitalized due to different diseases and ailments and needed medical assistance. We helped nearly 94 patients with some amount towards their medical assistance. Some of the people we helped



were Mrs. Maya Honyalkar – Rs. 12,000/-, Mr. Sagar Chandrakant Sutar – Rs. 10,000/-, Mr. Jangleshwar Saroj – Rs. 10,000/-, Mr. Phillip Monteiro – Rs. 25,000/-, Mrs. P.P. Mariyakutty – Rs. 12,000/-, Mr. Rupesh Dhivar – Rs. 10,000/-

3. Street kids/helping the poor on streets.

Every Saturday the street kids were provided with meals.



PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES (2019-2020)

1. Medical Van.

We continue to run our weekly medical camp and treated 444 males and 381 females and 109 children.



2. Medical Assistance.

In 2019-2020, 58 patients were helped towards medical assistance. Some of the people we helped with part payment of their Chandrakant Pundalik Prarab - Rs. 10,000/-, 10,000/-, Mr. David Soosay – Rs. 10,000/-, Mr. 45,000/-, Mr. K.M. Suresh – Rs. 26,000/-, Mr.



3. Education fees.

We helped a school in Orissa from very Poor background with children's education fees for 40 students from 6th to 9th standard amounting to Rs. 87500/-



PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES 2020-2021

1. Medical Van.

In 2021-21, 265 males, 462 females and 225 children were treated.



2. Medical Assistance.

31 patients were helped towards Medical assistance. Some of the Patients we helped were Mr. Keith D'Souza – Rs. 11,000/-,



Mrs. Joshila Ghorpade – Rs. 23,000/-
Mr. Anthony Joseph – Rs. 25,000/-,
Mr. Yobu Koli – Rs. 20,000/-

3. Covid relief fund.

We, at Project Hope, distributed many grocery kits to many families who needed help at this time. We tied up with wholesalers who gave us grocery kits at a reasonable cost, which we then distributed 1000 kits to the poor communities and also



to the families who lost their jobs. In June and July 2020, we have distributed rations worth Rs. 3,26,976/- to around 335 vulnerable families through volunteers in and around Borivali and Dahisar suburbs towards the north of Mumbai city. We have also distributed 100 mask worth Rs. 12,938/- to the Police and other frontline workers.

Story 1 : Shamdhar Goud who works as a freelance plumber and gets his major work through construction agents and his known contacts within the Mumbai suburbs. He lives in a chawl at Ganpat Patil road, New-link Road, Borivali (West). Shamdhar who is in his mid 50's is the breadwinner for 3 adults and 1 child. Even before the lockdown began Shamdhar had to leave his work as he had to travel back to his hometown Uttar Pradesh, as his elderly mother was sick and needed financial and physical support. During these times, his only son was supporting the family and sending money to his father who was at his native place. Though there was a financial strain, things were manageable with one person working. After Shamdhar came back from his hometown and was in search of getting plumbing contracts. As sudden news of Covid-19 pandemic broke out that our nation was hit with. This made the situation worse with passing of months, as both father and son became unemployed, even unable to find a job as per their skill set during this lockdown. As the community workers were reaching out to many families at various locations, Shamdhar's family got in touch with our volunteer and a grocery kit was provided to him which will satisfy his family's hunger for approximately 25-30 days.

Story 2 : This story is about a young salesman named Mr. Bhanudas Rameshvar who was self-employed as a door to door detergent salesman alongwith his father. He live with his parents and a younger brother who is still in his teens in Malad East. With all the house monthly expense going smoothly with two incomes coming in the family, till the point where both were suddenly unemployed with the disaster caused due to the Pandemic. However, due to lockdown both could not continue their sales job, but this young man Bhanudas did not lose hope to get another job or doing any other work to bring food at their table. Though it was incredibly challenging to support the family's daily needs, he managed to get a job as an office boy in Precepts Ministries India and has been working for the last 1 month. The family was half released of the fear, but the salary was less compared to sales job, so he was unable to support his family in full measure as his father continues to remain unemployed. In times like these his family was provided with grocery kits for the 3 months, which became an aid to support his family members for month food expense. He and his family were incredibly grateful towards this act of kindness for the provision.

These are just two stories among the needy people we helped during these difficult times. There were many others who received helped and were very grateful to Stepping Stone Charitable Trust for helping them in their hour of great need and difficulty.