



**Project completion report on
Covid 19 Relief to families of Women workers of Textile and Garment
Industries in Theni District.**

Implemented By

GREEN

**General Movement for Rural Education & Environment Chinnamanur,
Theni Dt, TN, India.**



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Name of the project	Covid 19 relief to families of the women workers of Textile and Garment Industries in Chinnamanur block, Theni district, Tamilnadu
Project Supported by	APPI Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative 134, Doddakannelli, Next to Wipro Corporate Office, Sarjapur Road, Bengaluru - 560035, India.
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Project Duration	1.08.2020 to 31.08.2020.

1. Introduction

The *GREEN – General Movement for Rural Education and Environment* a native based, not-for profit organisation working for the welfare of the environmental protection, biodiversity conservation and labour in Theni District (TN), India through awareness education, training, community organisation development programs etc., It has been implemented a special initiative on Environmental protection and Biodiversity conservation in special focusing on with result oriented strategies and community involved sustainable practices.

General Movement for Rural Education and Environment - GREEN is a Secular, Not for Profit (NFP) Organisation established by 1989 (more than 30 Years) by the likeminded individuals. Right from the inception, it is working for the overall development of women in all walks of life especially working women work force at textile sector which is good in number in Theni district.

Agriculture and related works are the primary income sources of the people in most of the districts in Tamilnadu state. Due to consequent failure of seasonal monsoon, people in that area, especially the landless agricultural labourers, agriculture coolies and others are forced to migrate for survival to the neighbouring districts. Theni District is a destination district of young women of textile industry as well as the source district for young women workers of textile and garment industries in Coimbatore, Tirupur, Erode, Dindigul, Madurai, and Karur Districts.

These textile industries are only recruiting adolescent girls for working and employed in the name of scheme called Sumangali Scheme. Under this scheme the girls are promised for getting a sum of Rs.60,000/- at the time of completion of scheme period and this amount will be used for their marriage life. But the fact is that the industries make illegal agreement with them and make them become a bondage labours and it is a modern form of forced labour.

GREEN – General Movement for Rural Education and Environment is a partnering NGO working in close association with TPF for raising their voices on the welfare measures of such adolescent girl's victims and involving field based action efforts in support to them. GREEN in association with the TPF had conducted Campaign based activities, seminars, cultural yatras, awareness programs to address the issue to the public in Theni district at wider scope. As such one of the effort, GREEN in association with the Tirupur Peoples Forum (TPF) organised in partnership with Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiative (APPI) to implement a special project focusing the activity to support the families of textile women workers in the Covid 19 lock down period.

This specially designed project initiative implemented in July - August 2020 is providing "Emergency Relief Materials to the 813 Families who are severely affected in terms of food and health by the COVID 19 issue in Chinnmanur block, our working area, Theni District.

Following are the details of the Activities that have been completed by GREEN under this AZIM PREMJI Foundation (under its Philanthropist Support Initiative) Project effort for the period from 01.08.2020 to 31.08.2020.

Background

Novel Corona virus (COVID 19), a highly infectious disease, declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization, has spread throughout the country and in the last four months in a rapid manner endangering the life of all citizens. In Tamilnadu the cases of affected people in corona virus increased to more than four lakhs and the death toll crossed above eight thousand and spreading in a rapid manner. COVID 19 has been declared as by the Government of India and it has become necessary to take preventive measures for the purpose of assisting, preventing and mitigating in response to any threatening disaster situation.

Covid 19 is a major issue of the world and has devastated the lives and livelihood of many families. The exodus of migrant workers, lack of public awareness, hospital preparedness and infrastructure are some of the serious gaps identified to combat Covid – 19. The livelihood of the marginalized group people were the one who is affected badly.

PROJECT PROFILE

GREEN mainly focus the most vulnerable groups such as children, elders, disabled, adolescent girls, youths, etc., The COVID-19 outbreak affects all the segments of population in Theni Dist, Tamilnadu and is particularly detrimental to members of those social groups includes people lives in poverty situations, older persons, physically disabled, youth, indigenous peoples and particularly the female textile and garments workers. As they are weekly wage earners, their regular life is completely collapsed by lockdown.

Key Issues during COVID 19 lock down period:

- ❖ Health & Safety - Poverty and hunger and insufficient food for all.
- ❖ In present, people are struggling without work & income in this COVID-19 lockdown.
- ❖ They are unable to meet their daily basic needs without income.
- ❖ Debt bondage with pawn brokers.
- ❖ Children and family members are unable to afford cost of meals & health care.
- ❖ Mentally depressed without income.
- ❖ Domestic violence has also increased in the absence of income.
- ❖ All young women are having trouble in maintaining their personal hygiene.
- ❖ Persons with disabilities face challenges in accessing health-care services, due to lack of availability, accessibility, affordability, as well as stigma and discrimination.

Since its onset, the COVID-19 pandemic has spread to almost all countries of the world. Social and physical distancing measures, lockdowns of businesses, schools and overall social life, which have become commonplace to curtail the spread of the disease have also disrupted many regular aspects of the life.

Apart from, this the condition of the adolescent girls of sumangali scheme victims, and the families of the women workers of textile and garment industries in Theni District is worsened, hence this proposed project activity focused to provide Emergency relief materials to about 813 families in the GREEN working area – Theni District.

AREA & BENEFICIARIES PROFILE – Supported by this Project

Under this project effort, we have supported the following kinds of beneficiaries. Our staff team has been visited the project area and selected the appropriated beneficiaries for support to this project, the selection made through direct spot intervention, interview with beneficiaries, verifying local references etc.

Name of the State			TAMILNADU
Name of the District			Theni
Name of the Block			Chinnamanur
S.No	Name of the Panchayat	No of villages	No. of Families
1	Erasakkanayakanur	5	309
2	Odaipatii	5	152
3	Appipatti	6	150
4	Muthulapuram	8	100
5	Pottipuram	6	102
TOTALL (S)		30	813 Families

All the beneficiaries from the above families are in vulnerable group category and the families are having adolescent girls under the sumangali scheme and Women workers Of Textile and Garment Industries.

Project Period

The duration of the project implemented is about 45 days that our GREEN started to distribute the relief materials and other project activities in the proposed villages as per schedule started from 15.07.2020 and the project activities have been completed and concluded by the end of 31.08.2020



ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN & COMPLETED BY THIS PROJECT

The main activity carried out by this project is

1. To provide dry food materials like rice, dhal, cooking oil and other grocery items for reduction of hunger and poverty of the textile and garment workers families
2. To provide Sanitary Face Masks, Sanitizer and Soaps for prevention of community spread of COVID-19.
3. IEC materials on health awareness and the protection of the rights of textile and garment women workers and their families.

All the above supports have been distributed to the beneficiaries at their habitats by the volunteers and staffs of the implementing civil society organization along with GREEN.

Method of Implementation Done:

On all the target villages, our GREEN Staffs have visited the project field area, and verified the list of the project beneficiaries to be supported. A call on beneficiaries, through local referrals and publicity has been organized in a common area.

Then Mr. P.S. Bose, Secretary of GREEN has explained the briefing of project support to the gathering of beneficiaries and elaborate the support materials provided by the Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives by TPF (Tirupur People's Forum), In further the chief guests were also explained the necessity to select the Adolescent girls, and the women working in Textile , Garment Industries for the support.

An event organized by the GREEN – Staffs, along with the local community volunteers, Village Panchayat leaders who has been the chief guest and distributed the relief materials to the beneficiaries in the selected villages. They very much appreciated this timely supports given by the GREEN – TPF in eminent support of AZIM PREMJI Foundation under its Philanthropic Initiative during this pandemic COVID 19 situation.

Distribution of Relief Materials – Dry Ration to Beneficiaries Families

GREEN have purchased the relief materials and support items about 813 families in the target zone, the collective materials on a wholesale price have been divided into bags and distributed to each of the families for easy handling. Following are the details of the relief materials distributed to each of the beneficiaries:

Rice	10 Kg
Wheat powder	2 Kg
Dhal 1kg,	1 Kg
Cooking oil	1 litre,
Sambar, Chilly, turmeric powder	Each 1 packet
Soaps	2
Sanitizer	1
Face masks	5
Totally the worth of (cost value of) Rs 1,000 per family at this project phase.	

During the distribution of materials, all the beneficiaries have been checked and verified the relief materials received and acknowledged the same. Transportation and distribution cost of the dry food items, travel cost of relief workers, documentation, reporting, accounting, banking and auditing costs are included in total project cost.

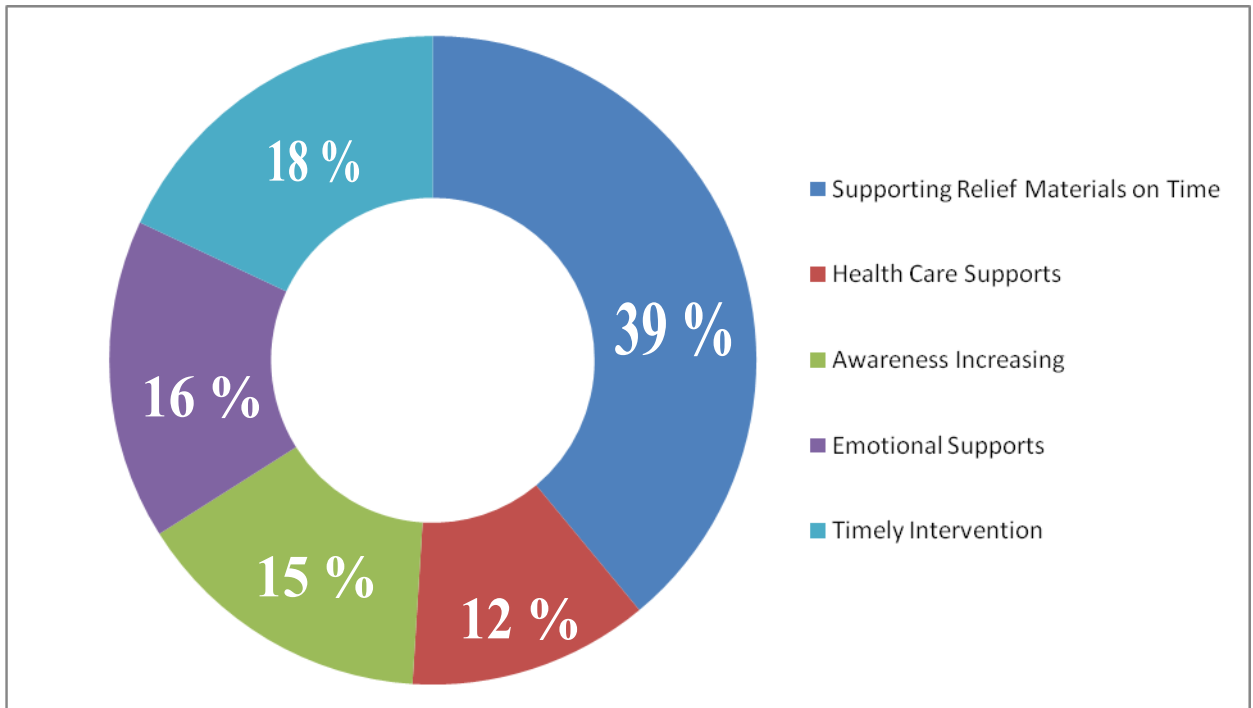
IEC Materials distribution

to the project area in order to provide awareness and promote health care. The IEC materials distribution, interactions on Health Awareness on COVID-19 and the protection of the rights of textile and garment women workers and their families and children is scheduled after dry ration distribution. This IEC materials distribution – in manner of pamphlets, awareness notices and handbills are used to promote health care practices, personal health care, use of Sanitizer and procedure for using the Face masks from the infection of spreading of COVID 19 among the target community. Apart from this, our project staff team has conducted a detailed education session to the beneficiaries on Awareness of COVID 19 pandemic issue.

OUTCOMES

1. Poverty and Hunger of 813 families of textile, garment unorganized workers are reduced during the period of next 30 days.
2. Hunger and debt among the vulnerable textile and garment women workers families are stopped among 813 families through the support of providing dry ration items like rice, wheat, dhal, cooking oil and other grocery items.
3. Health care items like soaps, masks and sanitizers are given to the beneficiaries to protect themselves from the communal spread Covid - 19.
4. IEC materials and awareness about social distance, work place safety are given to them

Project in progress – A Pictorial View



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PHOTO GALLERY





FEED BACKS – from Project Beneficiaries

	<p><i>Much Thanks to GREEN – TPF supported project of AZIM PREMJI – now I am with my family eating 3 meals a day, my family are out from weeping for food.....</i></p>
<p><i>“On several days our Chula was not Smoke since we did not cook the food, my family suffered by hunger and get anemic. As a budgetary family, we don’t have any savings of money in our hand.....” By Abinaya.</i></p>	
	<p><i>No one can help us – even our Textile millmanagement – our supporter GREEN – TPF project supported from AZIM PREMJI Foundation – Now my house is filled with dry ration.</i></p>
<p><i>Women’s caring responsibilities Outside home in the Textile mills and Inside at Home as care takers of family members – this GREEN – TPF supports by AZIM PREMJI Foundation enable us this dual responsibility in this COVID 19 situation.</i></p>	
	<p><i>Now we are going outside with wearing Sanitary Face Masks and my house is covered by sanitary protection with health care – now we have improved awareness on COVID 19.</i></p>

Salient Features of the Project Activities Implementation

- ❖ The project beneficiaries were selected in a most appropriate manner and specific target / vulnerable community who are seriously affected by the pandemic COVID -19.
- ❖ Local referrals and door to door intervention made for selection of beneficiaries.
- ❖ Timely needed relief materials were given under daily ration and health care’s materials to each family.
- ❖ Social Distancing were strictly followed during distribution of materials.
- ❖ All the beneficiaries were asked to wear Face Masks and use hand Sanitizer.
- ❖ Quality and sufficient quantity of dry food materials for One month has been supported to each of the family.
- ❖ Awareness & IEC materials distribution will make them sustainable benefits.

WHAT MEDIA SAYS



செய்திகள் சில வரிகளில்...

திரவ கழிவு மேலாண்மை திட்டம்
 கம்பம்: முல்லைப்பெரியாற்றில் பல்வேறு ஊர்களின் சாக்கடை கழிவுநீர் கலந்து தண்ணீரை மாசுபடுத்தியது. தற்போது திரவ கழிவு மேலாண்மை திட்டத்தின் கீழ் கழிவுநீர் சுத்தப்படுத்த காமயகவுண்டன்பட்டி பேரூராட்சிக்கு ரூ. 8 லட்சம், க.புதுப்பட்டிக்கு ரூ. 18 லட்சம், உத்தம்பாளையத்திற்கு ரூ. 30 லட்சம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டு பணி நடக்கிறது. கம்பம் நகராட்சியிலும் இத்திட்டம் செயல்படுத்தப்பட உள்ளது. இதன்மூலம் முல்லைப்பெரியாறு தண்ணீர் மாசுபடுவது தடுக்கப்படும்.

பயனற்ற குடியிருப்புகள்
 போடி: அணைக்கரைப்பட்டியில் துணைமீன் நிலைய பணியாளர்களுக்காக பல லட்சம் ரூபாய் மதிப்பில் குடியிருப்புகள் கட்டப்பட்டுள்ளன. சிலர் மட்டுமே குடியிருந்து வருகின்றனர். மற்றவற்றில் கட்டடம் முழுவதும் வீரிசல் ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது. சுற்றுச்சுவர் இல்லை. சீரமைத்து பயன்பாட்டிற்கு கொண்டுவர அதிகாரிகள் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டும்.

உதவி வழங்கல்
 சின்னமனூர்: சின்னமனூர் கிரீன் தொண்டு நிறுவனம், திருப்பூர் மக்கள் இயக்கம் சார்பில் 800 பஞ்சாலை தொழிலாளர்களுக்கு கொரோனா நிவாரண உதவி வழங்கப்பட்டது. கிரீன் தொண்டு நிறுவன தலைவர் போஸ்தலையை வகித்தார். சமூக ஆர்வலர் குமரவேல் முன்னிலை வகித்தார். அரிசி, பருப்பு, எண்ணெய் உள்ளிட்ட 11 பொருட்கள் அடங்கிய தொகுப்பு வழங்கினார்.

நால்வர் மீது வழக்கு
 பெரியகுளம்: பட்டாளம்மன் தெருவைச் சேர்ந்தவர் செல்வராஜ் 48. அதே பகுதியைச் சேர்ந்தவர் ராமையா 55 இருவருக்கும் இடையே கேபிள்டிவி தொழில் நடத்துவதில் முன் விரோதம் இருந்து வந்தது. ராமையா, உறவினர்கள் பால்கரன், பாப்பன், தர்மர் ஆகியோர் செல்வராஜ் கேபிள் ஓயர்களை அறுத்துள்ளனர். ராமையா உட்பட 4 பேர் மீது தென்கரை போலீசார் வழக்கு பதிவு செய்தனர்.

வீணாகிறது குடிநீர்
 தேவதாண்டப்பட்டி: சில்வார்பட்டி, எருமலைநாயக்கன்பட்டி, டி.வாடிப்பட்டி, அழகர்நாயக்கன்பட்டி ஊராட்சி மக்களுக்கு 57 கிராம குடிநீர் திட்டம் மூலம் வலையணையில் நீர் எடுத்து வழங்கப்படுகிறது. ஜெயமங்கலத்தில் இருந்து சில்வார்பட்டி செல்லும் வழியில் சிறிப்பாலம் அருகில் குழாய் உடைந்து குடிநீர் வீணாகிறது. இதனால் மேல்நிலைத் தொட்டிகளுக்கு நீர் செல்வதில் சிக்கல் ஏற்பட்டுள்ளது. சீரமைக்க வடிகால்வாரிய அலுவலர்கள் நடவடிக்கை எடுக்க வேண்டும்.