



URGENT | COVID-19 APPEAL

The COVID-19 outbreak has impacted the entire world. India is also grappling with its spread and the preventive measure of sudden lockdown has impacted the lives of thousands of people especially the poor, daily wage workers, migrants, street vendors and grassroots workers etc.

Many families are either stranded in cities and towns where they have no work and no place to go or are making their way back to their hometowns. Many are camping at railway stations and bus stops, somehow coping up, without proper food or shelter and are still exposed to the virus.

While the government has made provisions for shelter and food, more efforts are needed to support the soaring number of such families as:

- Most of them rely on their daily earnings in order to survive and do not have any savings
- They do not have any other support system to help them in these dire times.
- Most of them do not even have money to purchase protective gear like mask, sanitizers etc.

Until the lockdown gets over, whatever resources these poor families may have saved, may get exhausted and they will not have anything to help them survive in the coming days.

EFI believes that we have been called by God to not only pray for our nation but also to act in generous ways so that the poor, needy and marginalized would be cared for.

We **appeal** to all our members – **Churches, organizations and individuals**, as well as **people of goodwill across the world** to come forward with a serving heart and strengthen our hands with your much-needed support that can help take care of **at least 2000 such families in at least ten states of India for at least a month.**

EFI's state offices and **volunteers** in Delhi, Punjab, Gujarat, North East India, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, and Bihar have taken up this call to be involved in providing relief and care to such families through:

- Ration kits, amounting to Rs. 2500/- consisting of:
10 kg Atta, 10 kg Rice, 2 kg Pulses, 2 litres oil, 1 kg salt, 2 kg sugar, 500 gm Tea leaves, 1 kg milk powder, masks, sanitizers, sanitary napkins, biscuit packets and 2 bars of soap.
- In selected cases, where our team members cannot visit to handover these kits, we will provide unconditional cash support to the beneficiaries.

Please donate generously using the following Bank details for INDIA: (All donations will have Income Tax exemption under 80(G) of IT act 1961)

Bank Account name : Discipleship Care Network
Bank Account # : 914 0100 5743 5647
Bank Name : Axis Bank, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi
Bank IFSC Code : UTIB0000206

Please intimate finance@efionline.org / samson.kumar@efionline.org about your donation including your name, full address and copy of PAN Card. Please call Sonia Daniel on +91-9810656379 / sonia.daniel@efionline.org in case you have questions.

For your contributions from OUTSIDE INDIA, please contact Sonia Daniel on sonia.daniel@efionline.org and on +91-9810656379. As soon as we hear from you, we will send you the relevant details to enable transfer of funds.

We look forward to your support in this endeavour.

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