

JMJ SOCIAL SERVICE SOCIETY (JMJ SSS) - PALAMANER, CHITTOOR DISTRICT- A.P.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” Math: 25:40

No. of Sisters-3

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Covid-19 Response

We the sisters of Jesus Mary and Joseph (JMJ Bangalore Province) are at Gangavaram, Palamaner, and Chittoor District. A.P engaged in social work. The outbreak of deadly Corona virus, which led to the Lock down of the entire Nation, has crippled the lives of many especially the poor- daily laborers, domestic workers, petty shop keepers, road side vendors and small scale businesses. The poor are struggling for food which is the basic need for every human being. This lock down has an impact on the poor people of Palamaner mandal of Chittoor district, who lead a very simple life. Most of the families are agricultural daily wage earners. Though Government has promised ration for the poor, the long queues and rush has deprived a many, especially the elderly and widows.

In response to the cry of the people for their basic need amidst



this corona virus with the permission of local police, we the sisters of JMJ SSS reached out to 100 families by distributing the essential needs and masks for some, on 28th of March for 70 families and on 3rd of April 2020, 30 families. While



distributing we guided the people to maintain social distance and gave awareness on wearing masks and washing hands. Our main target group was widows, elderly and persons with disabilities, who are mostly affected as they have no one to support them at this moment. We personally reached out to those lonely elderly and handicapped families who were unable to collect the ration at a particular place.

The ration items are as follows:

Rice	25Kg
Dhal	1 Kg
Sugar	1Kg
Chilli Powder	½ Kg
Cooking Oil	1ltr
Turmeric Powder	½ Kg
Soaps(Hand wash)	2
Salt	1Kg

Our response to meet immediate needs of the people has surely made a difference in the lives of the people.

Response from people:

“Lock down has locked down my life” says 72-year-old **Jayamma** who is a lonely elderly widow and earned her daily living through domestic work. This locked down has locked her behind the doors and is unable to earn her daily living. She was unable to stand in a long queue to collect her little ration. As she was desperately waiting for help, our sudden arrival with a ration brought tears in her eyes and overwhelmed with joy. Our little help has become a boon to her and thanked God for providing her food through JMJ SSS. She is very grateful to God and to the sisters who reached out to her.



Covid-19 from where did it come, it crippled my life, I cannot go for my work says 52-year-old **Tulasi**, another widow who has to support her 3 children. She earned her daily living through domestic work. “From the time lock down has been announced I am down, and worried how to earn my daily living and feed my children” says Tulasi with tears in her eyes. Receiving the ration with a smile on her lips lightened her burden and is grateful to sisters.

Many are knocking at our doors for such help and we feel sorry that we are not able to reach out to the many in need. We hope and pray that as and when we are able to mobilize some resources, we will reach out to those desperately looking for help we were able to distribute and reach out to the few needy families in time, with the help and generous contribution of many kind people. We thank God for their extended helping hands during this time of crisis. May the good Lord bless all those who have come to the aid of those struggling for their daily maintenance.