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Purnata COVID-19 Food Relief Update 2

9TH - 23RD APRIL 2020



WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REACH SO MANY THANKS TO YOUR HELP!

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for believing in us, supporting us and making Purnata's food relief response to the COVID-19 pandemic a reality. None of us are disaster relief experts but over the years we have learned some basic information that has come in handy but most of all it is the passion to serve that drives us. We couldn't sit back and say we don't know what to do! We decided to roll up our sleeves, and get down into the virus infested cities and towns we live in and get our hands dirty (while learning to keep ourselves safe) and serve those who are needy and desperate, the best we could.

One of the exciting things is that we just got into a partnership with Azim Premji for a small but significant funding to be received this week. We are expecting to also partner with World Vision India among other corporations and NGO's.

As you read on, see heart breaking stories, beyond expectation statistics and the people that are tirelessly working to make this possible. There are some pics but for more check our website and also our social media updates.

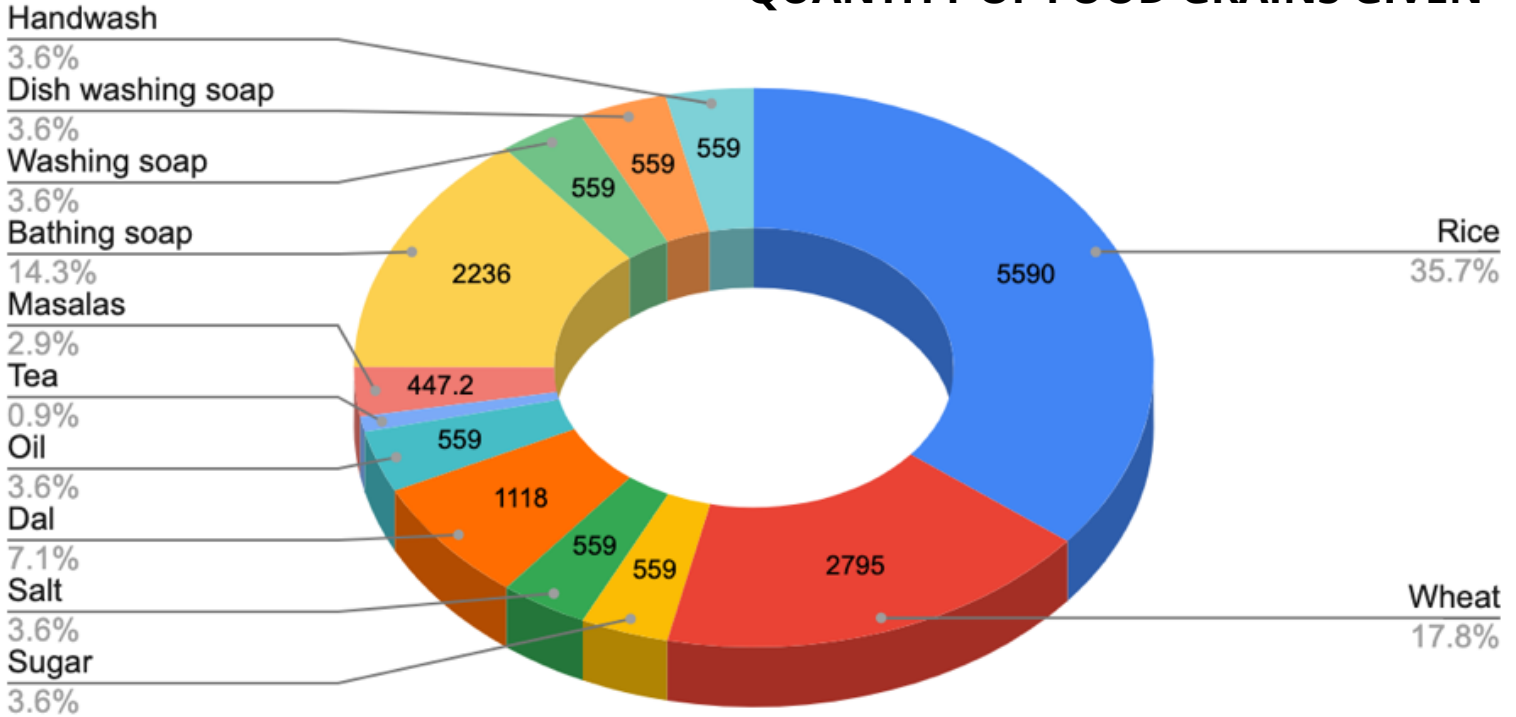
Yours always available for serving,

aaboo :-)

Founder Executive Director

Overview

QUANTITY OF FOOD GRAINS GIVEN



We managed this with good cooperation from the police and local authorities. The only hitch we had was when we attempted inter-district travel in response to calls for help. We are working on getting the requisite permissions for the same.

For those of us who go out every day risking our lives, it's also a matter of concern for our families. Our families have been supportive in spite of their apprehensions and we all go trusting God to take care of us. *Thanks to our families.*

We are looking forward to doing another 1000 packets in the next 2-3 weeks across Mumbai and its adjacent districts; Chikli in Buldana District, Maharashtra; Kolkata City & its suburbs; and six villages in Basirhat of 24 North Parganas District, West Bengal.



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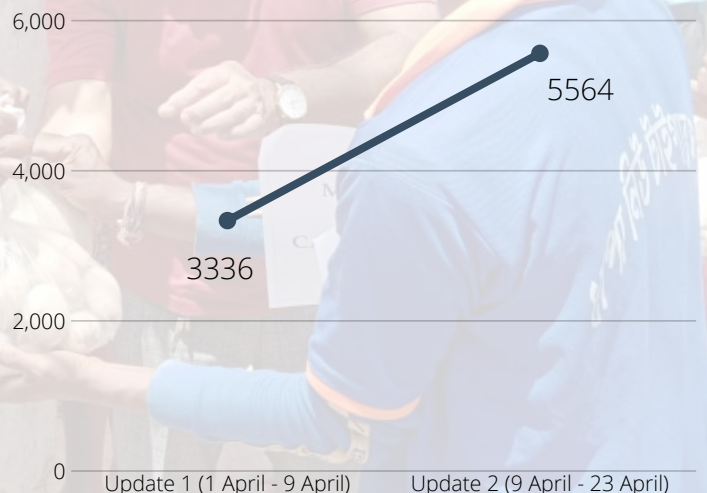
FAMILIES HELPED



4324

INDIVIDUALS HELPED

Total amount of individuals helped



Those we had the privilege to serve



AND MANY MORE STRUGGLING DAILY WAGE EARNERS....

The response we have been getting

The greatest joy we had was when we saw faces light up and say "Thank You" to us. Here are some testimonies from different people.

"We have had others come to give us food too but what you gave far outmatches what we got so far. It's the best" - a CSE at Sonapur Red Light Area.

"Many people bring cooked food but often it comes late and so by the time it comes, our children have to go hungry. You're giving dry rations and so now we can feed our families and meet the needs as and when needed." - a homeless family living on the footpath at Bhandup.

"I was thinking you guys are like the many others, giving small quantities and posing for pics. Your kit is complete for a family to survive for a month. I will support you in anyway possible. Hats off to you."
- PSI Anil Banger, Chirag Nagar PS, Ghatkopar West.

One of the highlights was when a couple decided to celebrate the lady's birthday by donating their time and money to the needy. They sponsored care packets for 35 homeless families not far from their home and transferred the money to our ketto campaign. They came along with us and the experience has left a deep impact on their lives. This is what they wrote: *"Thank you for the opportunity. It was extremely well managed. We saw smiling, hopeful and cheerful faces. They called me "didi" (sister) and some "auntie" and most of them wished me. I learnt more in the time I spent with them than all the webinars and training sessions at work!"* **Tirtha & Ayesha Basu**

We keep moving forward in our work and are excited to have you along with us!

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