

ASSRA in Action During COVID-19 (www.assra4u.org)

Sometimes charity begins by sharing awareness and knowledge about some recent ailment which has started to deform our nation and economy. ASSRA has been in action for the past several years and its volunteers sprung to ground sensing the vitality of the issue of corona pandemic.



ASSRA (ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL SERVICE AND REHABILITATION OF THE AGED) was registered under the Societies Registration Act 1860 in 2002 with the vision to bring the rural poor into the mainstream of development. The initiatives taken are related to the field of education, health and sanitation; we have

also tried to bring gender-based equanimity in many villages of Odisha and Jharkhand by promoting self-dependency in women.



The need of support to government and its agencies in ensuring public health has been actively taken up by ASSRA considering the current corona outbreak. The pandemic in itself being a hazard, has created a ripple effect of troubles for people of different status in society. ASSRA has taken several steps till date to render



support to people in need. Starting 20th of March, our volunteers started a cleanliness drive in Patamda block, Jameshpur where people were given crucial information about the corona virus and precautions to be taken. In the last week of March, we came across a surge in the migrants along Ranchi Patna highway who had started moving on foot or whatever mode of transportation they could manage. As an immediate relief



assistance, they were provided with dry food packs and water. In association with some



other groups of friends, the volunteers from ASSRA helped provide prepared food to numerous migrants. At some places even night shelters were arranged. Gradually with the reduction in the number of travelling migrants, calls started dropping in for need of grocery and food items. To address these



requirements, digital payment for grocery of needy people began.



At some places like, Kasidih, Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), Kandlei in Odisha food items were delivered to local needy people after obtaining due permission. With some



positive support, we managed to support some families in Jammu



and Kashmir by distributing groceries among them through our active members. ASSRA through one of its projects "Hope is Life" mainly aims at spreading happiness in the family and communities in the Tribal dominated area like Raigada and Muniguda supported

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about 1500 families through groceries.

Dejected eyes, body tired from carrying loads of baggage



and walking hundreds of kilometres worsened by hunger; labourers, daily wage earners,

carpenters being kicked out of their rented houses as soon as the country witnessed its first ever complete lockdown in

पटमदा : आसरा संस्था की ओर से सोमवार को पटमदा प्रखंड के गोबरघुसी हाट तोला में अंतरराष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस मनाया. इस दौरान मुख्य अतिथि के रूप में संस्था के कोडिनेटर मंजू दत्त उपस्थित थे. मुख्य अतिथि ने कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित सभी महिलाओं को स्वरोजगार बनने के लिए विभिन्न प्रकार तकनीक बताएँ, उन्होंने कहा कि राज्य सरकार के माध्यम से भी महिलाओं को स्वनिर्भर बनाने के लिए कई तरह के योजनाएँ संचालित कर रहे हैं. उसपर भी ध्यान रखने के लिए अपील की है ताकि स्वनिर्भर बनकर परिवार का भरण पोषण कर सकें. इस दौरान मुख्य रूप से कमला सिंह, सुतपा सिंह, मुक्ता नाग, जलेश्वरी देवी, मंगली गोरई, सम्पा सिंह व अम्बिका सिंह आदि उपस्थित थे.

decades from the month of March 2020- this is how ASSRA got introduced to one of the harsh realities amidst Corona pandemic. As a matter of fact, a country with a diverse culture and population like India, struggles with multiple issues in the path of development. ASSRA has been high-spirited since its inception and defined five major areas of concern which needed attention- education, health & hygiene

livelihood, taking care of the aged and women empowerment. Multiple efforts have been taken and campaigns have been launched to address such matters across many states in the country.

This pandemic, however, brought the volunteers in contact with unbelievable situations. While most of the people were stuck at homes, there were people who were chucked out by their owners from their rented accommodations.. With no means of

growing concerns of such people in Odisha. Out of all initiatives, one such venture was to engage the migrant families in different types of farming practices. Around 15th of August 2020, ASSRA helped hundreds of migrant families to begin cultivation in available lands, out of which some pieces of land were labelled to be useless land in the village. The volunteers from ASSRA did not just motivate and bring all the people to work together, but also boosted their progress by providing machinery and other requirements support. The produce of this farming became the reason for livelihood for all those families who were involved, the architect of their promising future and the reason they smile today.



Life manifests itself in many different forms; at times it gives abundant choices while leaving us with scarcity at other occasions.

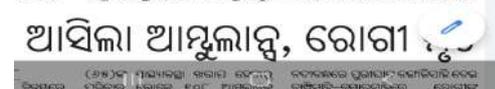
The world today is progressing tremendously in the field of technologies and facilities. Yet there are thousands who remain deprived of



much required necessities. Through the initiative, 'Hope is Life' ASSRA is trying to touch many such lives who lack primary awareness and support on health, hygiene and nutrition. In the rural areas of Odisha and outskirts, receiving medical help in time would be a



fortune and save lives. Recently an ambulance, donated by ASSRA, enlivened this initiative of ensuring medical support to the needy. The dream of parents became hopes of several individuals and families residing in Odisha. This conviction will reinstall faith and fulfill long awaited aspirations of the team members as well. Sometimes charity begins by sharing awareness and knowledge about some recent ailment which has started to deform our nation and economy. ASSRA has been in action for the past several years to support



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wholeheartedly whether it is cyclone FANI & YASS in Odisha, the Odisha & Bihar Flood when ASSRA volunteers sprung to ground sensing the vitality of the issue of the crises. The initiatives taken also focussed education, health and sanitation.

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The Journey Continues.....