

# NBI Vonisha Bridge Education Program (Begur) Bangalore

## REPORT FOR THE MONTHS OF April & May 2020

### NBI VONISHA BRIDGE EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Dear Partners,

We are happy to share the different activities that were conducted during the crucial months of **April and May 2020** amidst the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic.

## SUPPLY OF DRY RATION – Round 2

As the Government announced and implemented lockdown from mid of March, there was a panic among the daily wagers, labourers etc and they were under stress for livelihood and survival. We realised that the families of our Vonisha Children needed support and we stood up immediately for the cause and raised funds to support our parents who are daily wagers. We started **our dry ration distribution to parents of our program on 29<sup>th</sup> March itself**. The parents were overwhelmed with our timely support and conveyed their gratitude for handholding them even during this crisis.

**On 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020**, Vonisha celebrated a milestone completion of three years of its existence. Our profound gratitude to Mr Troy Swanson of **Alphabet Club, his team and Alternatives 4 Children members for being constant pillar of strength** from beginning. Special Thanks to all of them for standing by us even during this extraordinary global crisis.

We celebrated our anniversary by distributing essential household ration items to around **150 families** in need during COVID-19 lockdown, in Bangalore. We did this by a Methodical manner of identifying the families who could not get support from any other sources like government / others. **Our team taking all necessary precautions went into the field** and identified those needy families and provided them a token and asked them to assemble in a phased manner at a particular place. We sourced the supply from a nearby supermarket which itself was a challenge as initially they were not willing to provide such relatively large quantity. It took some persuasion in convincing them which we did. Thus the ration distribution could happen and Vonisha could do this last mile connectivity only



due to the crucial support provided by our sponsors to provide the last mile connectivity: **Let's Do Some Good Foundation, Lions Club of HSR, and individual sponsors.** Our Heartfelt gratitude to all of them. Vonisha also want to put on record the contributions of the amazing volunteers who took risk to help the needy. When needed many individuals also came to help us in supplying dry rations / clothes / Masks and other items.





## Donation of second-hand clothes

During April, We at Vonisha, **distributed good condition second-hand clothes** to the socio-economically weak population in Bangalore during this Covid19 pandemic. We are pleased to share that it was well-received by people. However, they are in need of more help and that's why we planned to extend our support to more families in the coming days in whatever possible ways.



**On 1st May, as a tribute to the labour force**, Vonisha made a small contribution for the workforce which was desperately needed. What best than providing Masks during Covid season .**Small item, big impact**. Masks are Need of the hour to fight against Covid 19 at least for another 3 months, so Vonisha distributed 300 masks at two different slums from where our Bridge and ASP program children are from. Together let us do what is necessary and create impact. Tata Consultancy Services employee Mr.Jigar donated 100 masks.

# PREVENT SPREAD: WEAR MASK



# FEW CANDID MOMENTS DURING LOCKDOWN



**Students in slum during school hours**



**During Covid 19...**

**Corona games...**

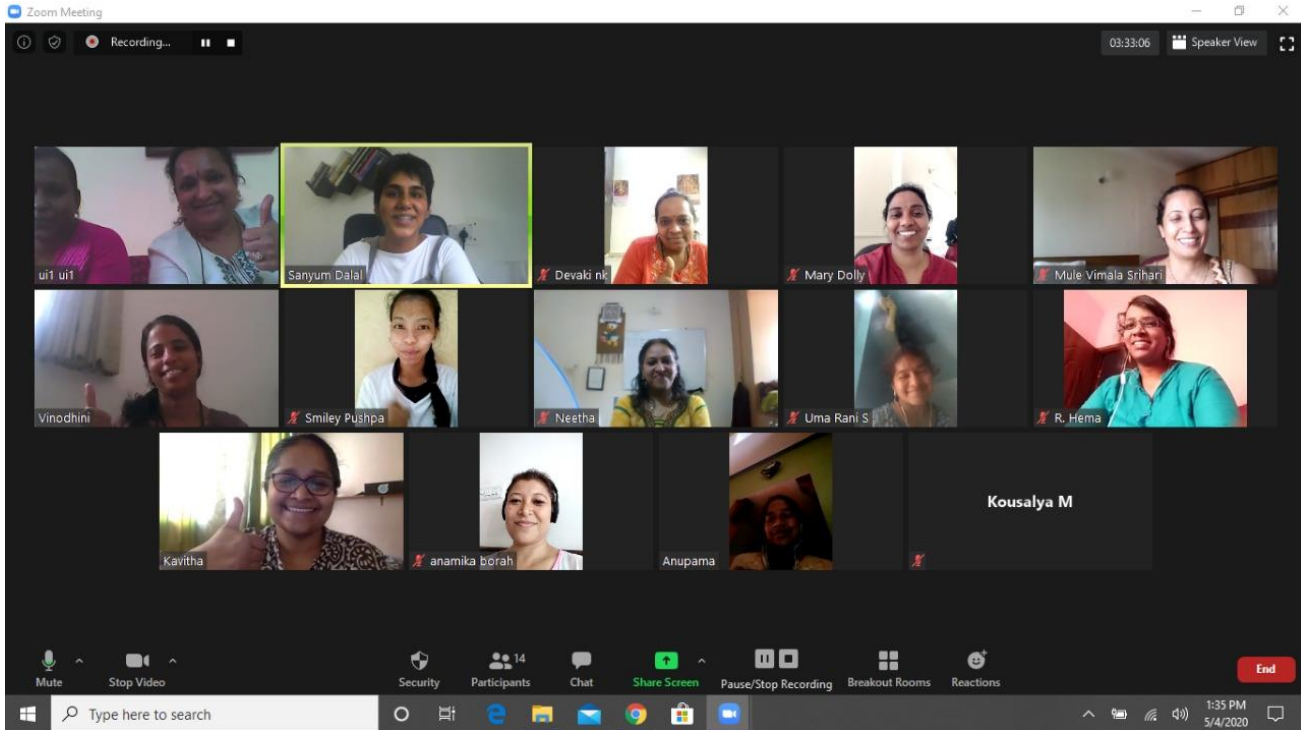
**Social Distancing**

## Supply of Dry Ration- Round 3

**Extending of support to the needy:** This time our model was to identify the local Grocery shop and come to an agreement with them so that in a single stroke we were able to support the needy and also support the local small time vendor without compromising quality. **On 3rd May, Vonisha Supplied dry ration for 121 needy families...** this time instead of buying groceries from supermarkets, we purchased from small shops in the locality of distribution. We identified the needy population, screened for confirmation, then issued tokens and asked them to come in a staggered manner to these shops where they hand over token to the Vonisha team and then got their groceries ...this way we supported the small time grocery shops and people from lower rung of society ....Thanks to all the sponsors for giving us the opportunity to reach out to the needy.... **With this we have given groceries to 371 needy families (1855 individuals and 650 masks to individuals).** Our community team and teachers are on the ground everyday by following all safety precautions being aware that this could be risky for them



# Workshop for Teachers



Vonisha is proud to share that recently **we organised a four day workshop from 28<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May** for teachers. The workshop was conducted based on the four topics which includes Communication & Leadership Skills, Lesson Planning and Problem-Solving, Empathy and Emotional Intelligence in Classrooms, Strategies in Classroom Management and Improving Engagement and critical thinking in primary to high school classrooms. The workshop was conducted for the benefit of teachers to upgrade and enrich their knowledge and skills in teaching during Covid-19 crisis. There were 25 participants across 5 organizations actively took part in this workshop.

**The workshop was conducted through Zoom meetings by Ms Sanyum Dalal who is currently a Volunteer at the Vonisha Service Foundation. She is a graduate from United World College (UWC) and a GoMAD Awardee and she is currently pursuing further studies at St. John's College Santa Fe, USA.**

The aim of the workshop was to help our children attain the skills and qualities they require to develop into good thinkers and more aware human beings and we can proudly say that the motive of the workshop was accomplished. Post workshop they conveyed how it benefitted them this has given us the stimulus to organise such programs in the future too.

# Supply of Vegetables



**On 5<sup>th</sup> May, Vonisha distributed around 70 kg of vegetables to 50 needy families at Hongasandra. Thanks to Shoma (LDSG) and Sadhana both for making it possible for us to do service activities at ground level. Special thanks to Building Blocks Founder Mr. James for vegetables transit directly from the farmer.**

# Supply of Dry Ration- Round 4



We got to know that 31 migrant families who are from to Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Assam but currently residing in Hongasandra didn't get any support yet from any agencies and Volunteering organizations. This is due to absence of local ration card. Once we came to know that they were in critical need of food, we **supported them on 13<sup>th</sup> May with dry ration package consisting 6 kg of rice and 1 kg of dal.** Big thanks to all the individual sponsors who made this possible.



# Dry Ration support by ABC and Sofie- Round 5



On 31<sup>st</sup> May, we distributed 55 dry ration kits each worth Rs.650/ to the families of our Bridge program & After School Program. Each kit contains 10kg of rice, 2kg of sugar, 1kg of dal, 1 litre of oil and 1 pack of salt. There are 45 more families of our program who are

expected to reach Bangalore from native by end of June. On their arrival, we planned to assess their need and provide dry ration kits as an incentive to begin fresh and put their children back to school.

**Thank you Sofie and ABC for being with us even though you all were going through tough times.**

## Survey on 'Out of School Children'





As the lockdown was partially relaxed, **during May last week we did survey on Out Of School Children and identified around 33 children.** Their parents and children expressed their wish and longing to go to school. As per inputs received from the slums, it appears that we may get some more OOSC by June end once the intra -state bus starts at full swing. We are getting queries from prospective parents about the Bridge program which is heartening to know. It appears that there has been word of mouth publicity through the existing beneficiaries.

# Onsite Teaching



As the Covid 19 pandemic situation demanded, we did dry ration distribution to the families of Vonisha Bridge, After School Program children during April. Once the lockdown got extended, we realized that our underprivileged children being first generation learners are at **high risk of losing touch with education over these past 2 months. They need to be in touch with good atmosphere where in education should be one of the top priorities.** They could not access online teaching like most children, living in normal home environment.

As Vonisha believes in solution oriented approach, once the lockdown was partially relaxed, On 11<sup>th</sup> May, we began with customized plan incorporating all Covid 19 safety precautions to enable learning possibility for individual learners by constituting small group of onsite teaching to compensate the learning losses that had happened since mid-March. Our team of teachers and Community workers started meeting children with appropriate self-protection, interacting with them, giving worksheets to solve, correcting and guiding them to move further by continue providing basic education at their doorstep. It was well received by children and appreciated by parents.

We realize that in Post COVID lockdown, due to the vacuum created, there is a natural interest for learning and our interventions have also been meaningful and are much deeper and insightful .we are sure that it is a force multiplier and will help the children to continue their education.

Time has come for the society to address the educational needs of the underprivileged children in a more mature manner. Parents, Govt and educational institutions has to take equal responsibility and come together.

## IMPACT MEASUREMENT

### Final Outcome data after 11 months of Bridge program:-

Year	Total –is or was Enrolled during the year	Relocated & going to Native	Dropped out	Current total students as on mid-March at Bridge	Under 5 years (will Repeat )	Total students that Can Main stream	Has decide to attend Private school	Has decide to attend GOVT school	Undecided currently on where to mainstream	%confirmed already to mainstream	Maximum % that could mainstream
2019-20	119	32	NA	87	3	29	26	3	55	33%	80%

### Please note that

- 1) While closing the school in mid of March, we had 87 children.
- 2) Out of which 29 parents had confirmed willingness to mainstream their children at school.
- 3) There are 3 children who are below five years will repeat the bridge Program.
- 4) There are 55 parents whose consent to mainstream their children are yet to be attained .This becomes challenging due to the impact of Covid 19 pandemic. Some of them conveyed their interest to come back to Bangalore once the lockdown relaxed and Intra-state bus starts in a full swing. They will confirm once they reach Bangalore. There are possibilities that few may not return back to Bangalore .We were unable to contact some parents due to the non-availability of phone with them. .Anyway we are trying to locate them by approaching their neighbours, friends etc resided in the same community.
- 5) As our team has been tirelessly working on to increase the number of children to be mainstreamed, we expect that we may convince approximately 40 more parents as they reach back to Bangalore by end of June.



**On behalf of the children and staff at our NBI Vonisha Bridge Education Program, we thank you for your continued support! We look forward to be the catalyst of change today and every day through our focus and efforts.**

**Together we can. Together we are.**