

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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Even while COVID 19 has overrun our lives, we find that the human spirit finds ways and means to thrive by reaching out to fellow beings in need. As we return to a new normal in Unlock 5.0, we take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the support that BREADS was able to receive and pass on to a range of vulnerable people.

We reached out to people made vulnerable by health issues and circumstances, such as people with leprosy/HIV, the visually and physically challenged, bedridden, elderly and children in institutions, children in conflict with the law/government homes, widows, daily wagers, migrants, slum/street dwellers, tribal/Devadasi/ transgender communities, flood victims, people in quarantine centres and even international refugees referred by the UNHCR. Solidarity was expressed diversely and especially in kind through a great variety of food, masks and sanitary items, educational aids, clothes, counselling and volunteering services.

BREADS values these partnerships as expressions of solidarity with vulnerable people at a vulnerable time!

## Inauguration of Laura Bhavan in Bablad

The inauguration of Laura Bhavan in Bablad, Kalaburagi was a welcome reminder to look beyond coping with COVID 19 in the short term to calibrating our long term goals to include it.

This well-equipped child labour rehabilitation centre has been constructed to enable the rescue and rehabilitation of around 50 girl child labourers in a healthy environment suitable for their overall development. A joint partnership among Don Bosco Project for Young at Risk (PYaR), BREADS Bangalore, Don Bosco Mondo and Sternstuder e.V., the new infrastructure enables DB PYaR to plan, design and implement community outreach programmes for child labour eradication, school dropout prevention and community empowerment focusing on girls and women.

The building was inaugurated in a small ceremony on 23 September 2020 by Fr. Joyce Thonikuzhiyil, Provincial, Sacred Heart Province Bangalore in the presence of Fr. Biju Michael, Regional Councillor, South Asia. Laura Bhavan was blessed by Rev. Msgr. Stany Lobo, Vicar General, Diocese of Gulbarga.



## Partnering in Solidarity for COVID 19 Relief

As the planning and development office for Karnataka and Kerala, BREADS has been responding to emergencies regularly. However, the COVID 19 experience has been different—the biggest factors being the novel, highly contagious virus and the need to adhere to various government and health restrictions which impacted movement and scale of response.

BREADS worked around this situation by networking with various agencies and individuals so that they could reach where we couldn't. We became a via media for those people who could help but had no reach and those people who could reach but needed support.

In these six months, BREADS has forged many rich partnerships with varied people in their personal and official capacities in order to reach out to vulnerable people whose lives and livelihoods were most affected by the virus and the government lockdowns.

We acknowledge with much appreciation this diversity in solidarity—Responsetnet, Bosconet, Zomato Feeding India, Solarpack, Hilton Bangalore, Transform Plus, Stonesoup, and Rhoumai for partnering with us in reaching thousands of people with food and hygiene items.

Individual donors came forward to support four special COVID 19 relief drives for tribal families in the Karnataka forest belts; donating new clothes and educational materials for 2153 children and grocery kits for 2134 families there. Partners in these drives were the Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR), Good Quest Foundation, Project Vision, Responsetnet, AIFO India and Corona Care Bengaluru.

Supporting BREADS' COVID relief work financially were other partners—Don Bosco Mondo, Functional Vocational Training and Research Society, Misan Cara, Jugendhilfe WeltWeit, Jugend Eine Welt, Bosconet, Nanj Solar Plant Ltd. and Ekialde Sun Energy Pvt. Ltd.

These valuable associations enabled BREADS to positively impact lakhs of people affected by the pandemic and for this, BREADS sincerely thanks all the people and organisations involved.

ITEMS	QUANTITY
Packaged mini meals (rice items, noodles, upma, poha, khichdi)	88,463 units
Snacks (cakes, chips, cookies, energy bars, nuts, chocolate)	81,434 units
Beverages (fruit juices, coffees, teas, water)	96,483 units
Rations	75.2 tonnes broken rice 20 tonnes wheat flour 5 tonnes dal
Ration kits	2581 kits
Sanitary packs	1000 units



## CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER 2020

- COVID 19 relief work in Kerala and Karnataka
- COVID 19 relief drive for Soliga tribal hamlets in MM Hills, Karnataka
- Digital marketing training for self-help groups in Karnataka
- Inauguration of Laura Bhavan girls' hostel in Bablad, Kalaburagi
- Canonical visitation by Fr. Biju Michael SDB, Regional Councillor, South Asia
- Planning and monitoring meeting of WELivE programme

### OCTOBER 2020

- COVID 19 Relief work in Kerala and Karnataka
- Publication and dissemination of sector-wise Child Safeguarding Policies
- Launch of CREAM III across 20 districts in Karnataka

## COVID 19 Emergency Response by BREADS

As on 7 October 2020

SN	Activity	Kerala	Karnataka	Migrants (Kerala)	Total at Province Level
1	Don Bosco houses engaged in COVID 19 relief	20	20	0	40
2	Beneficiaries of school fee subsidies/education material	74	374	314	762
3	Beneficiaries of smart phones/televisions for online learning	63	43	57	163
4	DB institutions equipped with audio-visual rooms	10	7	0	17
5	Beneficiaries of online learning in DB institutions	9300	4630	0	13930
6	Face masks produced from all Don Bosco centres	54300	195370	0	249670
7	Beneficiaries of toiletries and hygiene kits	0	2500	0	2500
8	Beneficiaries of counselling services	0	0	2100	2100
9	Food kits distributed	3246	17337	2430	23013
10	Ready-to-eat food distributed	10238	256142	0	266380
11	Beneficiaries of ready-to-eat food	2559	64036	0	66595
12	Beneficiaries of food kits	16368	74046	10242	100656
13	Beneficiaries of cooked food	940	50016	59400	110356
14	Total beneficiaries of cooked food/ food kits	17308	124062	69642	211012

## NEWS

### Reaching out to Soliga tribal hamlets in MM Hills

BREADS Bangalore in partnership with ResponseNet, AIFO, Good Quest Foundation, Project Vision and Stonesoup reached out to the Soliga tribal hamlets in Male Mahadeshwara (MM) Hills in Chamarajanagar district of Karnataka on 19 – 20 September 2020 with essential food materials. The joint drive benefitted 415 families in Palar, Tulasikere, Keeranahola, Thekani, Mendare, Medaganane, Kombudikki, Alambadi... [more](#)



### Workshop for Coastal Women on Kitchen and Rooftop Gardening

A workshop was held for the women from Mundakkal West, Kollam district as part of the WELiVe project (Women Empowerment through Livelihood & Entrepreneurship) to encourage and support women to initiate kitchen or rooftop gardening. Ms. Edna Freddy, the resource person, shared her experience and provided essential education about the subject. After the workshop which was conducted with proper adherence to COVID precautions, the women were provided, ... [more](#)



### Workshop on School Gardens in Yadgir

Don Bosco Yadgir conducted a two-day workshop on 18 and 19 September 2020 under the project School Garden Project-Budding New Generation Farmers for Sustainable Agriculture for 16 young leaders of ECO clubs from 5 government schools in Yadgir, Shahapur and Gurumitkal taluks. The workshop aimed to provide the participants a hands-on experience about preparation of organic manure, kitchen gardens and the protection of the environment... [more](#)



### Creating Awareness about Substance Abuse Virtually

In response to the COVID 19 pandemic, schools have transitioned from learning in conventional classrooms to virtual classrooms. Accordingly, Don Bosco Palluruthy under the Drug Education And Mentoring (DREAM) project organised a virtual awareness programme for the students of St. George Public school, Keezhilam, in association with CHILDLINE Kochi and Vimukthi Ernakulam. Smt. Anitha Emerse, Principal, St. George Public School, Keezhilam welcomed the participants and... [more](#)

