



COVID-19 RELIEF UPDATE

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Sunbeam

Estd: 1999 | Sector: Education | FY19 Income: Rs 1.04 crore | HO: Mumbai | Presence: Mumbai

About the NGO

Sunbeam's mission is to transform the lives of underprivileged children, giving them an opportunity to realize their full potential. They address the issue of lack of education for slum children in Mumbai through a comprehensive program which stresses on education, recreation, and community involvement.

COVID-19 Program Update

Thanks to the contribution from donors like you, HelpYourNGO Foundation donated **Rs70,000/-** to Sunbeam and supported the **educational requirements of 14 students.**

Need & Background

Sunbeam has been running a supplementary education program for 1,000+ underprivileged children living in the slums and chawls of Mumbai. Due to the nationwide lockdown imposed by the Government in March 2020, parents of most students were rendered jobless and had to depend on their meagre savings or had to borrow from friends or relatives to sustain themselves, while very few parents working in the essential services industries managed to earn their salaries. Among those who have started earning post lifting of certain restrictions, many earn as little as Rs4,000/- to 6,000/- a month which is barely sufficient to take care of the needs of a family of 6, let alone education expenses of their children.

There are 171 students from Sunbeam who will be appearing for their School Secondary Certificate (SSC) – Std X – examination in the academic year 2020-21. These are first generation learners belonging to low economic background. With consistent support from Sunbeam, they have succeeded in their schools and cleared their examinations on merit. However, in their final year of schooling, it is an altogether different challenge that they are facing in order to continue with their education as effectively – via online study classes.

The Std X students have enrolled for coaching classes and online studies at the classes have commenced from mid-April 2020.

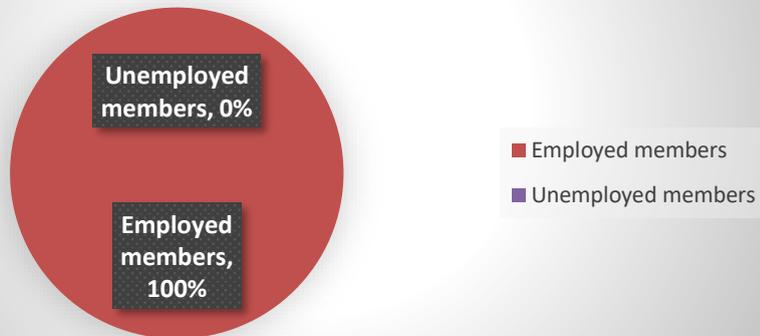
Online classes present a series of challenges for these students:

- None of the students have access to laptops and they have to use their parents' mobile phones
- Availability of uninterrupted supply of data and internet connection is a concern
- During the nationwide lockdown, the students had no choice but to study sitting cramped up with their entire families in their 10 x 10 rooms

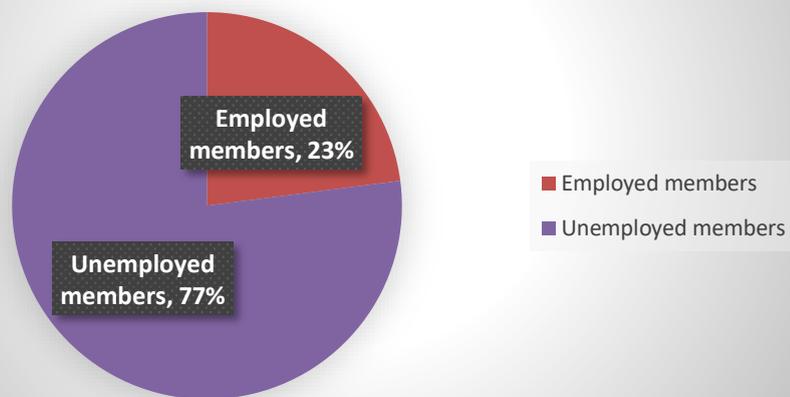
Sunbeam supports these students by contributing towards partial payment of fees for their professional coaching class in the form of scholarship support. **Sunbeam has affiliation** with coaching classes like Vision Classes, Sai Classes, Dinesh Classes and Gurukripa Classes, **where Sunbeam's students are given discounts.**

Sunbeam's team was in regular touch with the 171 beneficiaries and their parents. Based on the feedback received from the parents, Sunbeam prepared a detailed analysis of their employment status at three levels i.e. prior to the lockdown, during the 5 months of lockdown and in the beginning of August'20. This assessment throws light on poor economic conditions that these families are living in - with their livelihoods lost.

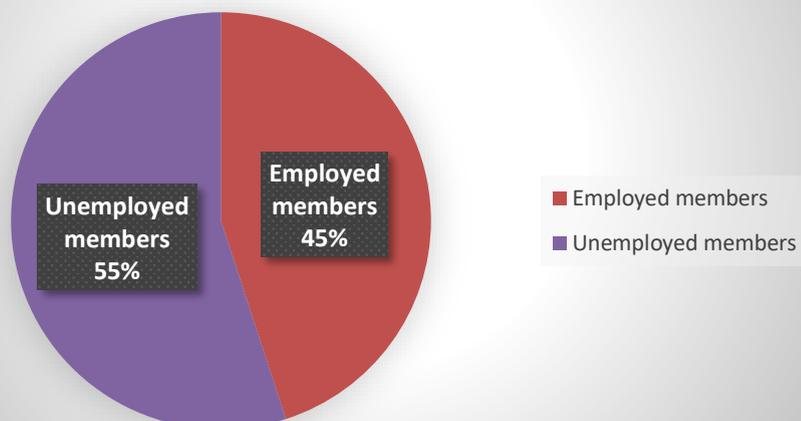
Employment status prior to Lockdown



Employment status during Lockdown (March'20-July'20)



Employment status as on 1st Aug'20



Location

Mumbai

Beneficiary Selection Criteria

- Sunbeam's Std X beneficiaries of Dinesh Classes pursuing online classes
- Beneficiaries belonging to households with monthly family income Rs9,000/- to Rs15,000/-

HelpYourNGO Support

- 14 students from Sunbeam pursuing their Std X and enrolled for coaching in Dinesh Classes (Khar) identified for support
- Students of Sunbeam are offered highly discounted annual fees of Rs20,000/- as against Rs40,000/- charged by the Classes to other students
- Of the total fees of Rs20,000/-, Sunbeam's pays Rs10,000/- per student as its share of scholarship and the balance fees of Rs10,000/- is borne by the parents and is to be paid in 2 equal installments of Rs5,000/- each
- The 1st installment was paid by the parents in January 2020. However, due to the lockdown and its ensuing effects, parents were unable to pay the second instalment of Rs5,000/-

HelpYourNGO's support is towards the 2nd installment of Rs5,000/- due to be paid by the parents of students in June 2020.

Implementation Methodology

- Disbursal of funds by HelpYourNGO Foundation to Sunbeam
- Transfer of funds by Sunbeam via bank transfer directly to Dinesh Classes

Outcome

The direct bank transfer of Rs5,000/- per student will help 14 students pay their second instalment of fees to Dinesh Classes and enable them to attend online classes for preparation of their SSC examination.

Background of few beneficiaries

- Radha Gupta - Radha's father is a mason working as a daily wager. They stay in a rented place and sometimes don't have enough money even for food. They do not even have a ration card. Radha's mother said they did not have a smartphone as they couldn't afford it. However, the family would try to borrow some money from their friends or relatives and buy a smart phone on EMI basis for Radha's online classes.
- Jyoti Chauhan - Jyoti's father is no more. The family's only source of income is the rent they receive from their home - a small room in a chawl which is divided into two parts; one of which is given on rent and the other which the family occupies. During the first 3 months of lockdown they did not receive any rent. Jyoti's mother said that when the goldsmith shops open, she will mortgage her earrings and will arrange for a smart phone for Jyoti's online classes.
- Shivam Gupta - Shivam's sister mentioned that they do not have a smartphone. Their father, a grocer and the only bread earner in the family, had gone to their village just before the lockdown for their grandmother's operation. Since then they are unable to pay rent and electricity bill for 2 months as they are facing financial problems.

Fund Utilization Report

No.	Particulars	Description	Amount (Rs)
I.	Funds Disbursed to Sunbeam	Towards coaching class fees of 14 students of Std X	70,000
II.	Program Expenses	Bank Transfer of Rs5,000/- per student for 14 students of Std X transferred to Dinesh Classes	70,000
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