



COVID-19 RELIEF UPDATE

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Sunbeam

Estd: 1999 | Sector: Education | FY19 Income: Rs 1.02 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 **Rs 85,000/-** to Sunbeam and supported the **essentials requirement of 43 families** for the month of **May 2020**.

Rs 2,000/- per family was transferred directly by Sunbeam to the bank accounts of the identified families.

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 to sustain themselves, while very few parents working in the essential services industries managed to earn their salaries.

Sunbeam's team was in regular touch with the parents and beneficiaries. Based on their assessment of the condition of beneficiaries' families, they concluded that they were in immediate need of financial assistance to not just procure dry ration like rice, pulses, dal, etc. but also pay rent and meet other expenses.



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Sunbeam managed to raise funds to support the bank transfer of Rs 2,000/- per family for their ongoing batches from Std V to Std X. They were in need of funding support for students who had graduated in 2019-20 and pursuing their first year post graduation – part of Sunbeam's higher education program.

HelpYourNGO's Team has visited Sunbeam's Worli Centre in 2019 and had the opportunity to interact not just with the students but also parents, teachers, and ex-students. We are extremely happy with the work Sunbeam has been doing to change the lives of its beneficiaries.

Location

Mumbai – Worli, Bandra, Khar

Beneficiary Selection Criteria

- Sunbeam’s beneficiaries pursuing first year post-graduation course
- Beneficiaries belonging to households with monthly family income between Rs 9,000/- to Rs 15,000/-

Implementation Methodology

- Beneficiaries meeting the selection criteria were identified
- Sunbeam’s coordinators got in touch with the beneficiaries’ families to obtain the bank account details of one of the parents
- For some **parents whose bank accounts were not operational**, Sunbeam’s team **assisted them in activating the same**
- Disbursal of funds by HelpYourNGO Foundation to Sunbeam
- Transfer of funds by Sunbeam via NEFT directly to the parents’ bank accounts
- Beneficiary families were directed on how to follow social distancing and safety norms, especially while going to the bank or ATMs for withdrawing money

Outcome

The direct bank transfer of Rs 2,000/- per family helped 43 families meet their monthly expenses in terms of procuring dry ration and other essentials, paying for rent, school/tuition fees, etc.

Quotes from some of the parents – Expression of Gratitude

- “I had almost finished my meager savings and I felt relieved at receiving timely help from Sunbeam.”
- “My relatives and friends are financially a bit better off than us. But they too had begun to find it extremely difficult to continue to support my family. Sunbeam’s contribution was God sent.”
- “Being jobless and without income since the past 2 months I had run out of essential items but with Sunbeam’s intervention, I could buy food grains, oil, sugar etc. for my family of 4 that will last us almost one and a half months because we use our stuff sparingly.”



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- “With the lockdown my income has stopped and I feel guilty, sad and helpless at my inability to earn and fend for my family. However, with Sunbeam’s support, I could stock up some essentials.”
- “For the past 8 years I have been working as a security guard in a High Rise. Since the past few months, there has been a 50% pay cut in my salary as I have been told not to report to duty till the lockdown ends. Sunbeam pitching in was a big relief.”

Fund Utilization Report

No.	Particulars	Description	Amount (Rs)
I.	Funds Disbursed	For Direct Bank Transfer program	85,000
II.	Program Expenses	Bank Transfer of Rs2,000/- per family to 43 families of Sunbeam's beneficiaries	86,000
	Balance		-1,000

Note: Rs1,000/- was raised by Sunbeam from another donor to meet the shortfall.