



# COVID-19 RELIEF UPDATE

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## Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action

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Presence: Assam, Delhi, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha

### About the NGO

Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA), registered as a voluntary development organization, supports and empowers the oppressed and marginalized by primarily concentrating on their human rights. YUVA encourages the formation of people's collectives that engage in the discourse on development, thereby ensuring self-determined and sustained collective action in communities. This work is complemented with advocacy and policy recommendations. At the community level, YUVA delivers solutions on issues of housing, livelihood, environment and governance.

### COVID-19 Program Update

Thanks to the contribution received from donors like you, HelpYourNGO Foundation disbursed **Rs 200,000/-** to support YUVA's **dry ration** distribution program for **105 households**.

### Need & Background

In mid-March, YUVA conducted a rapid assessment of the impact of COVID-19 and the nationwide lockdown on 3,304 households in 39 settlements in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR) area. Through this, they were able to understand people's fears, needs, level of awareness of COVID-19, and gauge their preparedness and economic situation in the face of the lockdown. They concluded that the urban poor required relief which was immediate and ongoing, and also steps needed to be taken for their long-term rehabilitation.

In March end, the Government announced a relief package to support the poor, workers and those in need of help amid a lockdown. However, since execution and actual distribution of ration etc. would take time and the need of the identified communities was immediate, a few NGOs including YUVA formed a consortium to consolidate efforts, assign communities to NGOs based on their presence, and ensure no duplication of relief measures.

### Location

Mumbai Metropolitan area – Vasai, Virar, Navi Mumbai, Ambernath, Kalyan and Panvel

### Beneficiary Selection Criteria

YUVA focused on supporting households with especially vulnerable persons like senior citizens, differently abled persons, children, and also women-headed households. The targeted slums typically comprise low income communities like rag pickers/waste recyclers, beggars, domestic helps, carpenters, furniture makers, etc.

### Implementation Methodology

YUVA has a strong presence in the targeted slum communities. YUVA helpline has been active with requests for supplies. They have successfully tied up with established vendors to secure their supply source and have also mobilized a comprehensive volunteer base on the field who are placed in YUVA's Distribution Centres in the most vulnerable areas of MMR.

Steps followed for implementation of the ration kit distribution program:

- Step 1 – Rapid assessment of target areas to identify most vulnerable households
- Step 2 – Identification of vendor/s to ensure an uninterrupted supply of relief items
- Step 3 – Purchase and packaging of relief kits

Step 4 – Transportation of relief kit from vendor to YUVA’s Distribution Centres

Step 5 – Distribution of relief kit to the identified families

Step 6 – Documentation of each household covered along with identification details

Utmost care is taken to ensure staff safety. Staff is provided with PPE like gloves, masks, and also hand sanitizers. Not more than 5 staff members are present at the time of kit distribution. Activities are planned such that each staff member is in charge of distribution to 100 families. The field staff also underwent COVID-19 testing.

### Support Provided

Dry ration kits have been provided to 105 low income families for their immediate survival.

Kit Content:

No.	Item	Quantity
1	Rice	10 kg
2	Wheat Flour	10 kg
3	Pulses	4 kg
4	Mixed Spices (turmeric, chilli powder, garam masala, coriander powder)	500 gms
5	Cooking Oil	2 ltr
6	Salt	1 kg
7	Soap	5 nos.

This kit will suffice a family of 4-5 members for 1 month and costs Rs 1,800 to Rs 2,000 approximately.

### Kit Distribution Details

Date	Location	Area	Village/ Basti	Packets Distributed	Total No. of Packets Distributed
30 April	Navi Mumbai	Belapur	Diwale Gaon	1	5
		Nerul	DY Patil Hospital	1	
		Turbhe	Hanuman Nagar	1	
		Seawoods	Darave Gaon	2	
1 May	Mumbai	Goregaon	Santosh Nagar	48	88
		Chembur	Pestom Sagar	40	
4 May	Mumbai	Santacruz	Santacruz	2	2
6 May	Mumbai	Bandra	Kherwadi	10	10
<b>Total</b>					<b>105</b>

### YUVA’s Overall Program Outcome

Upto May 2020, YUVA had reached out to 18,090 households (90,450 persons) with dry ration and provided 780,000+ cooked meals across MMR to the Mumbai Police force, government hospital staff and migrant workers in Navi Mumbai, Wadala and Bhiwandi. In response to the migrant’s crisis, they provided 6,000 essential items kits to those who are trying to make their way home.

**Glimpse of Distribution:**

