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Director's Message

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Bosco Reach Out!

The whole world is in the grip of Covid-19 pandemic. India has been under lockdown since the end of March 2020. There has been shock and panic every where. The daily wage earners such as domestic workers, construction workers, rickshaw pullers, and street vendors were stuck up indoors. Many migrant labourers returned to their home towns. The villagers could not sell their farm products and continue their agricultural activities for profit. Their savings were exhausted within a few weeks. They could not meet the basic needs of their families. This led to despair among the poor and lower middle class.

During the four successive Lockdown, BRO sought help from our Partners, NGOs, and volunteers for relief support. Because of their generosity we were able to reach out to around 80,000 poor families. With due permission from the concerned authorities BRO was able to help the poor. Family Essential Kits (FEKs) were distributed to the most destitute families within Guwahati and few other districts of Assam and Meghalaya. Packed cooked meals and mineral water bottles were distributed everyday to the migrants and hungry on the roads within Guwahati city. We were able to help out with relief materials to persons with disabilities in the Boko block of rural Kamrup. They were a part of a project entitled 'Community Based Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs)'. Teachers of the CARE Project, functioning with BRO, took the initiative creating awareness on COVID 19 as well as distributed relief materials to both students and teachers. The project area is Kokrajhar district in Assam. Another similar venture was taken at Udalguri district. Efforts were made to make the people aware of COVID 19 pandemic. They were also made to understand the necessity of vaccine- their need for immunization at regular interval. It increased their confidence in the vaccines. The various centres under the Sponsorship's Children Programme took active part in helping the poor families of students. They organized and distributed relief ration to most affected families in and around their schools and centres. BRO continued conducting evening classes for elderly people under the project 'Integrated Tribal Development programme - BAGAN project of Sidli block in Chirang district'. They were in an open area in order to maintain enough distances. Awareness Programme on COVID 19 was also organized to make the villagers aware of the pandemic and eliminate fear from among them. Under TDF Bolgrim Project area in Goalpara district, BRO distributed food materials to families of daily wage earners.

I extend my sincere thanks to donors and agencies namely Save-Foundation- Belgium; Habitat For Humanity India- Delhi; Purbanchal Paper Mart (Virus); CISCO Foundation- Bengaluru; Marelli India - Mumbai; HSBC Mumbai; Save Heart (DB Alumnae); Ambit Pvt Ltd.-Mumbai; DB Net - Delhi; Don Bosco Mondo – Germany; Childaid Network - Germany; Caritas India; and Don Bosco Institute-Guwahati. My humble thanks to Assam Police, Food Corporation of India, and District Administration of Kamrup Metro for their support at the hour of need.

Fr. A. Jayaprakash, SDB
Executive Director, Bosco Reach Out

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TDF BAGAN Project Creating Awareness on COVID-19

Bosco Reach Out, under the Integrated Tribal Development Fund - BAGAN Project, Malivita, Sidli block, Chirang district created awareness on COVID-19 through its field staff based at Malivita. Mass gathering has been restricted by local administration due to the nationwide lockdown declared by the Government of India on March 24, 2020 in view of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. Mr. Jion Narzary, Project Field Coordinator of BRO, Mr. Pribal Narzary, Community Mobilizer of BRO, Mr. Jual Narzary and Mr. Kanin Basumatary, Field Extension Worker of BRO visited 142 households especially wadi beneficiaries of Kaisuguri, Belguri, Indrapur, and Laltari village and created awareness to avoid panic and fear psychosis on corona virus.

During the second period of lockdown period, the daily wage earners suffered shortage of food so TDF project field staff of BRO lobbied with and mobilized support from local stakeholders to provide relief materials to the families of the TDF project area.

On April 20, 2020 with the support of Anganwadi Worker of Malivita under Mid Day Meal Scheme, food materials (5 kg of rice and 1 kg of dal) were distributed to 52 families whose children were student. On April 25, 2020 with the support of State Government Service Holders and Local Church, food materials (5 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal, 1 kg of potato, and face mask) were distributed to 72 families of daily labourers. The beneficiaries expressed their deep sense of gratitude for the Samaritan work. Bosco Reach Out and beneficiaries extended heartfelt thanks to Anganwadi Workers, State Government Service Holders, and Local Church members for their generosity.





Awareness on COVID-19 and Relief Material Distribution through TDF Bolgrim Project

Bosco Reach Out initiated awareness and tried to help the rural poor during the COVID 19 lockdown. In villages, people were confused and filled with fear. They were not aware of the causes, symptoms, and preventive measures of the COVID 19. Many of the daily earners could not work. They could not meet the daily needs of the family.

The field staff of TDF Bolgrim Project, Mr. Ramen Rabha and Mr. Dilseng A. Sangma visited and created awareness on corona virus to a total number of 100 wadi families, the most vulnerable beneficiaries of Mariampur and Jyotigaon village of the Rongjali block in Golapara district of Assam. They explained the common symptoms of COVID 19 and how to prevent it through the good practices of hygiene, wearing face masks, keeping the distance, and so as to stay safe. The beneficiaries were grateful for creating valuable awareness on COVID 19. They had gained knowledge and learned the dos and don'ts to stay safe.

On April 30, 2020 Mr. Romeo D'Monte, Programme Coordinator of BRO, along with the field staff of TDF Bolgrim Project, distributed Relief Material, (5 kg of rice, 1 kg of dal, 1 packet oil, 1 kg of potato, 250 gm of soya bean nugget, and face masks) to 100 beneficiaries, mainly labourers. The beneficiaries thanked the organisation for the help.





Awareness on COVID 19 under Health Education Session

On June 26, 2020, under Health Education Session (Women wing), awareness on COVID 19 was organized at Tilapara village of Chirang district, Assam. The objective of the programme was to make the villagers aware of COVID 19 pandemic and eliminate fear from among them. Four quarantine centres were set up in the TDF BAGAN Project area, for the migrant workers who returned from other parts of the country. They were kept for 10 days for home quarantine after institutional quarantine of 4 days at Kajalgaon by District Administration. These quarantine centres were managed by village committees headed by Mr. Biku Basumatary, President, Mr. Lwitw Mochahary, Secretary, and Mr. Bishu Saha, Cashier. Panic was caused among villagers due to rumors and ignorance concerning COVID 19 Mahamari.

Mr. Jion Narzary - Project Field Coordinator of BRO, and Mr. Kanin Basumatary - Field Extension Worker, were the resource persons and a total of 25 participants attended the programme. The topics covered during the programme included a brief history of COVID-19, its common symptoms, the effective way to protect against the new corona virus, when to go for test and treatment, and preparedness to face the virus.

There was active participation and discussion on various issues of the community. After the programme, the participants mentioned their willingness to create awareness on COVID 19 in the village, thus help reduce the panic and wrong notions about the pandemic in their village. They thanked the resource persons for sharing their valuable knowledge with them. After the programme, to encourage them reusable cotton face masks were distributed among participants.





COVID Lockdown Relief for PwD in Boko

The COVID-19 lockdown has affected the whole of humanity. BRO, under the project entitled 'Community Based Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in Boko Block of Kamrup Rural District of Assam' could distribute relief materials to 85 persons with disability during the month of May 2020. The noble work of providing relief to PwDs in Boko region was supported by Caritas India, CBR Forum. Other friends through Don Bosco Network also came forward to support in kind to provide relief materials for the PwDs in Boko Region. BRO personnel thanked the ANMs, ASHAs, and doctors who helped in regular health check-ups and for giving awareness to the families of PwDs on the frequent use of face masks, timely hand washing, and maintaining physical distance while going out. BRO staff extended BRO's gratitude to Panchayat officials, SHGs and Community leaders who came forward to help the families of PwDs in this hour of need.

The mother of one of the PwD beneficiary mentioned, “My daughter Ms. Mainu Rabha is 16 years old. She is suffering from cerebral disability. During the COVID lockdown period, we, the family members could not go out for work, due to which we found it very difficult to get our daily sustenance. We feel very happy and are grateful for timely assistance given by Bosco Reach Out. We never expected to receive so many things. During the COVID lockdown Period, the staff members of BRO took care of us like their own family. They came to visit us and always enquired about us over the phone. We are extremely grateful to them”.



COVID 19 Relief within Kamrup District

Assam state was in complete lockdown with the declaration of nationwide lockdown in India since March 2020. It had affected the daily wage earners, domestic workers, construction workers, daily labourers, rickshaw pullers, balloon sellers, and so on. Their only source of income was blocked. The little savings were exhausted in a few weeks time on essential needs of the family. This led to panic and despair among the poor and middle class families.

Bosco Reach Out, with permission from the concerned authorities reached out to the needy families in and around Guwahati and Kamrup district at the initial stages and later extended to other districts of Assam. From the month of April to June, 2020 a Family Essential Kits (FEKs) which included liquid hand wash, floor disinfectant liquid concentrate, bathing soap, protective face mask, laundry detergent, utensil washing bar soap, rice, salt, edible oil, tur dal, mung dal, wheat, and sugar were distributed to 941 families. They included 33 daily wage earners of Joypur hills, 57 families of daily laborers who live in Kharguli area, 223 small shopkeepers, vegetable vendors and families of daily wage earners at Maligaon, 100 families of daily bread winners, farmers and vegetable vendors of Rani, 37 families of farmers and daily labourers of Jalukbari, and Kalitapara areas, 50 families of differently abled, and migrant workers staying in rented houses at Rehabari, 31 families of daily labourer, and fruit and vegetable vendors of Bengali Basti, 27 families of migrant workers residing inside mission compound, Pan bazar, 116 families of daily labourers of Gosala, Police Out Station, 102 beneficiaries are daily wage earners of Ulubari, 50 families of marginalised and daily wage earners (mostly widows) of Ural Basti, 85 families of marginalised and daily wage earners with major or minor disability of Boko, and 30 families of migrant workers, farmers and daily wage earners of Basistha Chariali.

BRO is very grateful to HFHI and CISCO for their support, and to the Guwahati Police Personnel, to the volunteers of TLA Educational Trust and Digital Empowerment Foundation, to the local volunteers of Gosala, to the force of Police Out Station, Maligaon, and to the volunteers of Joypur of Guwahati. Your love for the poor and selfless service to the communities in need is very much appreciated. May God be your reward.



Covid-19 Lockdown Relief Works in Assam

Bosco Reach Out staff teamed up spontaneously for the mammoth responsibility of reaching out to the poor suffering due to COVID 19 pandemic lockdown since March 2020. However, in no way was BRO prepared for what they encountered later - the massive demands that poured into the office and amazed by what had been accomplished for the vast number of needy people who helped. During the four successive Lockdown, BRO sought help from Partners, NGOs, and 30 volunteers for relief fund.

The BRO team meticulously put together, delivered and distributed to many needy communities both near and far-flung rural villages of Assam. The team ensured that the ration-kits reached the deserving hands of the most needy and unreached. Hence, each volunteer was asked to ensure that the beneficiaries were not recipients of other government or civil society relief materials. Food grocery and Health Safety Kits were successfully distributed to 3218 families. A total of 6345 face mask and sanitizers were also provided to individuals. Each kit consisted of rice, wheat flour, sugar, lentils, salt, cooking oil, biscuits, washing powder, and bathing soap.

The ongoing daily campaign of relief measures for the needy as requested by the government was to change the strategy of distributing dry ration in Guwahati city and concentrate on distribution of cooked food for the people on streets; it became very important need of the moment. BRO decided to serve the poor on the roads by distributing 750 packed meals and mineral water everyday to the migrants and destitute within Guwahati. BRO thanked HSBC - Give, Marelli India, Bosco Net, and good hearted individuals, and volunteers for their support in reaching out to the people of Assam at time of great distress.



Dry Ration Distributions, 30th March - 15th June 2020

- **Guwahati(Manipuri Basti & Boothnath Slums) - 600 Families**
- **Guwahati (Hafiz Nagar & Ulubari Flyover) - 400 Families**
- **Guwahat (Bosco Reach Out Premise) - 600 Families**
- **Guwahati (Ratan Dewan Nagar, Ulubari) - 200 Families**
- **Guwahati (Kharguli) - 300 Families**
- **Guwahati (Disabled Children’s Families) - 100 Families**
- **Guwahati (Maligaon Area) - 150 Families**
- **Guwahati (Gosala Area) - 200 Families**
- **Guwahati (CBCNI, Church Leaders at Christian Basti, Etc) - 150 Families**
- **Guwahati (Snehalaya Families) - 20 Families**
- **Sonapur (Through Our ADBU) - 300 Families**
- **Sonapur (Voluntears) - 1400 Families**
- **Golaghat (Through Voluntears) - 500 Families**
- **Boko (Disabled Children’s Families & Others) - 200 Families**
- **Dhubdhara (Through Mariampur Parish) - 200 Families**
- **Udalguri (Through the Parish) - 300 Families**
- **Malavita -Chirang District (Through Our Staff) - 200 Families**
- **Garobadha (Through Our Parish) - 1000 Families**
- **Sojong (Through Our Parish) - 200 Families**
- **Amkachi (Through Our Parish) - 150 Families**
- **Kokrajhar (Amguri Care School Project Areas) - 2500 Families**
- **Kokrajhar (Through Our Parish) - 100 Families**

Covid-19 Relief Services (ING)

- **Bosco Reach Out - 74,404 Beneficiaries**
- **Snehalaya - 12, 790 Beneficiaries**
- **Ronkhon - 805 Beneficiaries**
- **Mendal - 20 Beneficiaries**
- **Damra - 386 Beneficiaries**
- **Gojapara - 201 Beneficiaries**

Doners & agencies helped (In Cash)

• Save-Foundation, Bengium	-	4,10,000
• Ambit Pvt Ltd. Mumbai	-	1,00,000
• DB Net, Delhi	-	1,00,000
• Don Bosco Mondo, Germany	-	18,19,000
• Child Aid Net Work	-	12,90,000
• Caritas India	-	1,00,000
• Bosco Reach Out	-	1,10,000
• Ashim Borgohoin (Contractor)	-	50,000
• Bah Thabah	-	6,000
• DBI Staff	-	2,000

Total Amount - 39,87,000

Doners & agencies helped (In Kind)

- Habitats For Humanity India, Delhi
- Purbanchal Paper Mart (Virus)
- CISCO Foundation
- Fr. Sebastian Kurichiel, SDB
- Marelli India, Mumbai
- HSBC Mumbai
- Save Heart (DB Alumnai)

Other support

- Assam Police
- Food Corporation of India
- District Administration Kamrup Metro
- Rohit Hazarika
- Lazarus



Capacity Building of Block Level CBOs

In the months of May and June 2020, Bosco Reach Out, under the project entitled 'Empowering Community-Based Institutions to Increase Vaccine Confidence and Routine Immunization Demand, and Prevention of COVID-19' conducted four programmes of two-days each on capacity building of block level CBOs at Udalguri district. A total of 72 persons were present at the programme. They belong to SHG members, Social Workers, Local Church Leaders and Members, VCDC Members and Village Leaders. The objective of the two-day programme was to create awareness on COVID 19, viz the aim, objective and strategies of the project, hygiene and hand washing with soap, etc. Resource persons were Mr. Mrinal Sarmah, District Coordinator of BRO, Ms. Sompa Boro, ASHA Worker (ANM), and Ms. Sumitra Boro, ASHA Worker (NHM).

Mr. Mrinal Sarmah introduced in brief the objective of the project and thanked all the CBOs/ SHGs/ CSOs for their interest in community development and participation in the programme. Ms. Sompa Boro talked on basic immunization, Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI), reason for lower immunization of the family, LODOR (Left Out Drop Out Refusal) family, and routine immunization schedule. She increased awareness on COVID-19 as people only know that they are not allowed to go outside but not aware of the reason. It is a protective measure for themselves and others against it. Ms. Sumitra Boro encouraged the participants in increasing more awareness on routine immunization schedule for the parents who are not aware of immunisation which helps in eliminating various diseases from our next generation.

There was brainstorming session on how to communicate LODOR family, group communication, community level issues and reasons for lower immunization, and role and responsibilities of CBO'S and group work. Community showed their interest and cooperation. They were happy with the two-day programme, by which they learned about covid-19, immunization, importance of vaccination for pregnant women and new born babies vaccination schedules, and learned about LODOR family. This exercise was to prepare them to help their neighbouring villages to take responsibility for their own health as a community.



Support in VHND and Immunization Days

Bosco Reach Out under the project entitled 'Empowering Community-Based Institutions to Increase Vaccine Confidence and Routine Immunization Demand, and Prevention of COVID-19' conducted a programme on support in VHND and immunization days on June 24, 2020 at Amguri and Galchuba villages and on June 27, 2020 at Nasansali village of Udalguri district, Assam. The objective of the activity was to support Routine Immunization session at Udalguri Block PHC, and to create awareness on COVID-19 to breast feeding mothers and pregnant women. Mr. Mrinal Sarma, Project District Coordinator of BRO and Ms. Mariam Toppo, Project Field Worker of BRO carried out the programme. They organised the programme together with ASHA Workers and nurses posted at the respective village PHCs. They also interacted with the parents who came for the routine immunization for their children at the centre. They also checked the PHC documentation on Routine immunization of the month in the PHC.

Mr. Mrinal Sarma discussed with the local level public issues on immunization, vaccination, hygiene and LODOR family and encouraged the ASHA, ANM and community leader to take initiative on immunization and hygiene, and to interact with LODOR family in any situation. Ms. Moina Sargayari, Nurse at Amguri PHC, and Ms. Minu Baruah, Nurse at Galachuba PHC shared their experiences and their desire to help the community in immunization programmes and creation of awareness on vaccination.

During the programme emphasis was given on physical distancing, importance of using face mask, washing of hand, etc. He also visited the LODOR family and interacted with them.





Evening Course for Elderly People – Reading and Writing, Financial and Digital Literacy

Bosco Reach Out has been imparting evening course for elderly people under the project 'Integrated Tribal Development programme - BAGAN project for Sidli block, Chirang district, Assam' with the support of NABARD since November 2019 with a idea of providing minimum literacy to the elderly in the rural areas by enabling them with to read and write, manage their financial as well as acquire digital literacy.

The teachers were so enthusiastic and the elderly were so eager to learn that even the lockdown could not prevent them from attending the evening classes. Sri. Samendra Basumatary and Mr. Jual Mochahary, Field Staff of BRO continued to volunteer in conducting the evening classes for the elderly people at its Janata Evening Course Centre, Thaijwoubari village. The classes were conducted in an open space in order to maintain enough social distances while attending the class. A total of 20 elders, both male and female were attending the evening classes thrice in a week.





Children Sponsorship Programme

Bosco Reach Out together with the support of Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus, Italy and some of the benefactors has been supporting the most vulnerable poor children to pursue their schooling through Children Sponsorship Programme. The sudden shocking news and spread of Covid 19 and lock down brought lots of confusion, panic, and fear to all including children. It was an unprepared moment that everything was closed down and all the people had to remain indoors as directed by the government. The poorest of the poor people were really suffering from hunger and insecurity. All the educational institutions were being closed down.

Fr. Thadeus Kujur, Director of Snehalaya mentioned, “All our children are kept in the house itself with lots of activities and awareness programmes on Covid-19 and health issues. They are keeping fine and safe. The children attend online video classes conducted by the school teachers.” Fr. Lucas Marak, in charge of Sojong centre reported, “This pandemic has given us the opportunity to be at the service of the needy. During this nationwide lockdown, we were able to organize and distribute relief ration to nearly 500 most affected families in and around here.” Sr. Evalyn Dhar in charge of Mawkyrdep centre reported, “On May 14, 2020 we had distributed food stuff at the school premises to 100 poor families of student. They were very happy to get some help. We thank you so much for your generosity.” Sr. Albina Phangchopi in charge of Garobahdha centre mentioned, “They helped Industry Office to stitch 3070 face masks for DC's Office. They also provided 50 poor families with relief package of rice, dal, potatoes, oil and face mask.”

All the sponsored children, parents, in charge of centres, and BRO extend our appreciation and gratitude to Fondazione Fratelli Dimenticati Onlus, Italy and benefactors for the generous support given to the most needy children. Once again, we THANK YOU VERY MUCH for the support and looking forward for the same in the years to come. We pray that God will bless and keep you and your families safe and in good health.



CARE Project for COVID 19 Relief

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought countries to a standstill. India has been under lockdown since the end of March 2020 and, although it is necessary, it is having a huge effect on the economy. It is this economic downturn that is hitting the hardest families living in poverty.

The aim of the COVID 19 relief services is to help the women and children and their families who are facing extremely difficult times and to provide them with some support and offer them some basic needs of food and health and hygiene facilities so that they can survive through this crisis. From April to June 2020, Relief Essential Kits of rice, wheat flour, sugar, lentils, salt, cooking oil, biscuits, washing powder and bathing soap were distributed to 2338 students and 53 teachers at 35 centres of 4 clusters, who fall under the CARE Project of Kokrajhar district of Assam.

Despite of all schools in the region being closed due to Covid-19, local teacher of CARE Project reached regularly the interior villages. They took necessary precautions. They encouraged families to set up vegetable gardens as part of sustainable plan. These would allow the families to have constant production for ones own consumption as well as sell the surplus. Once the schools re-open the CARE Project is all set to implement strict hygiene with hand sanitizers, soaps and temperature checking, etc. Every possible measure, to sustain daily operations and provide services to these remote communities has been planned. Although there is a lot of uncertainty, there is a need to adapt as quickly as possible to the changing reality. In times like this, we are reminded of how important interconnected. We all are and thankful to Childaid Network for being part of our team networking.





BAGAN Project on Farmers' Training / Demonstration

On June 24, 2020, Bosco Reach Out under the NABARD Integrated Tribal Development Fund BAGAN Project conducted a farmers' training and demonstration works at Lalai Anthaibari village in the Sidli block of Chirang district, Assam. Mr. Jion Narzary, Project Field Coordinator of BRO was the resource person. A total of 22 wadi beneficiaries attended the training. The resource person covered topics on concept sharing, on layout of multiple horticulture crops, orchard and package of practices of orange and areca nut, method of application of fertilizer, pest and disease identification and its remedies, management practices, intercropping cultivation operations for young orchard and method of pitcher drip irrigation.

The objective of the training was to improve knowledge on scientific method of horticulture plantation and management practices, to create awareness on intercultural operation - weeding, mulching, plant protection for young plants, to promote inter cropping for optimum utilization of land and extra income, and to promote soil conservation methods as well as water resource development.

A total of 164 Wadies of TDF BAGAN Project had completed their multiple crop plantation of 15000 orange seedling, 3000 apple ber saplings, 24000 areca nut plants, and 7500 teak stumps.





World Environment Day Celebration

World Environment Day is the biggest annual event for positive environmental action and it is kept on 5th June of every year. The theme for World Environment Day 2020 is 'Time for nature' which encourages us to get outdoors and into nature, to appreciate its beauty and its importance, and to take forward the call to protect the Earth that we share.

World Environment Day, 2020, was celebrated at Bosco Reach Out Head Office. Invitees for the World Environment Day Celebration included Mr. S Chakraborty, Principal of Presidency School, Guwahati, and other neighbours. Fr. Jayaprakash Anthonimuthu, Executive Director of BRO welcomed the invitees and BRO staff. He expressed his gratitude to the invitees for coming forward to observe the World Environment Day. He was happy to announce that the approval of the long awaited project 'Green Skill Training Centre at Joropara, Garo Hill District of Meghalaya, N E India' was received. Mr. S Chakraborty, Principal of Presidency School appreciated the BRO's initiative. He mentioned that this activity has encouraged and will to contribute in the coming year. The invitees and the BRO staff planted flower sapling along the drain of the Bholanath Mandir Byelane, B.K.kakati Road, Ulubari.

World Environment Day was also celebrated at Malivita engaging wadi beneficiaries of Integrated Tribal Development Fund BAGAN Project with the objective of promoting afforestation and creation of green environment for mitigation of climate change effect for crop production. Under the programme, different types of sapling of trees such as Nahor (*Mesua ferrea*), Kanchan, Krishnachura, etc. were planted at the side of the road and common public places. A total of 20 participants attended the celebration.





Mr. Sanjay

I, Mr. Sanjay live with my wife and two children, in Guwahati. Although I am from a village in Bihar run a small barber shop. I have to pay Rs.3500 as rent for my house and another Rs.3000 for my shop. I was doing well with his business earning Rs.500 per day and was very happy managing my family. When unexpectedly COVID 19 pandemic spread and lockdown was imposed from mid March 2020 I could not run my business as before. My little savings was not enough to meet the daily needs of my family. I spent it all in buying some food which lasted for a few days. I could not run my family anymore. I was wondering what to do and how to feed my family. I was in despair. By hear-say, I came to know that Bosco Reach Out was helping the needy in a special way by providing some dry ration during lockdown. I contacted the personnel of BRO and requested for some dry ration for family. I am very happy and grateful to Bosco Reach Out for their generosity and good will in helping me in time of need.



Mrs. Rina Biswas

I, Mrs. Rina Biswas live with my husband and five children at Sonapur, Guwahati, Assam. I work as a daily labourer. During lockdown I could not go for work. My family was hard-pressed with financial problem because of the COVID 19 pandemic lockdown. Somehow for a few days I managed to buy some food items. The little saving could not meet all the basic needs of my family. I was desperate not knowing what to do and how to manage my family in this crisis. It was one fine day, I heard about Bosco Reach Out providing relief support. Immediately, I approach the concerned personnel and it was a great joy and happiness that I received the essential items as a god-send gift of ration to survive during lockdown. I was thrilled yet felt dejected thinking how I would be able to sustain my family during lockdown.



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Covid-19 Package Food Distribution



Covid-19 Relief