

COVID-19 WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK 9

IMPACT NUMBERS

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Content	Impact Numbers
Total Calls	0
Total Messages	0
Total Dry Food kits distributed	0
SHG Support Families (Covid19 awareness)	100
Total mask production	1069
Employment through IVillage	126
Quarantine @PPES Quarantine centre	44
Consultations & treatments at Prana Health Centre	36

TOTAL TO DATE	
Content	No
Total Calls	4415
Total Messages	116936
Total Dry Food kits distributed	1100
SHG Support Families (Covid19 awareness)	2075
Total mask production	179298
Employment through IVillage	2127
Quarantine @PPES Quarantine centre	376
Consultations & treatments at Prana Health Centre	36

Our COVID relief work spans across 120 villages and a population of 1,50,000.

“I still have faith in my dream” -Moni



The COVID-19 has severely hit the education of girls staying in rural areas and urban slums. They have been forced to drop out of school, but there are girls who are adamant to succeed irrespective of all the odds. Moni is one such girl.

Moni belongs to Anupshahar village in Bulandshahar district of Uttar Pradesh and recently has passed the class 12th examination. She has four sisters and two brothers. Her father is a tailor and stepmother is a housewife. Her father’s earning barely meet the daily needs of the family.

To support her family financially, Moni makes babies’ bangles and sell them in the market. Besides that, she also helps her mother with home chores.

Moni wants to be an engineer because she loves to experiment with machines. She belongs to a community where girls are not allowed to go for higher education and because of which there is not even a single girl in her community who could study engineering.

She says “I am a part of a society where people have a conservative mindset and they see a girl as a burden to them. Therefore, they don’t want to invest any money in her education as for them it’s a wastage of money”.

Moni being a fighter since her childhood would like to break these norms and would like to exemplify it for the other girls in her society. She shares her dreams

“I want to study B.tech from Banasthali Vidyapith University. It is one of the best universities in Asia only for girls. I heard about this university from my seniors in school. They informed me that our school provides a loan for studying there, which can be repaid

after completing the course. I have been informed that apart from basic education, the girls are also encouraged to participate in various extra-curricular activities like sports, art&craft, dance, etc, which allows them to work on their other skills. I would love to study at this university with my seniors as it will allow me to learn from them. I aim to make my school and university proud of me. This university will give me a good platform to learn and grow in life. I am certain that after the successful completion of the course, I would also be able to support my family financially. “

She is a very confident and strong woman who is ready to meet any challenges whatsoever comes in her way. She says

“Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm while I never define my obstacle as “failures”, I mark my success as perseverance through adversity. I have faced several challenges over the years from financial problems to find an environment of study. When I was young my parents used to have frequent fights over trivial matters due to which there was no environment of studying at home, I usually go to my aunt’s place to study and I Continued to earn exemplary grades in my class. I deserve this scholarship because I have the strength and determination to achieve my goal, no matter what hurdles I have to overcome. I was not born a gifted child. I have faced a lot of hardship in life. I started selling bangles at a very young age to support my family financially. I have learned to not leave any stone unturned with the experiences of my life.”

Her hobbies are singing, teaching children, and helping in household chores. Due to pandemic, she misses going out, classroom-based group discussions, and all those physical activities of play and exercise that used to be a daily routine in school. She shares her experience during the lockdown.

“Earlier we used to go to school to attend 3-month training after the board exam. This training is to prepare us for the entrance exam of various colleges/ universities and also work on our soft skills. Due to lockdown, we now have online classes Moreover, I also get busy in helping my mother with daily household chores.

Our teachers are like our mentors. They used to help us in filling all the application forms for higher education. However, this time we could only take their help through the phone. It sometimes gets difficult to manage everything. Though the teachers are working hard to clear all are concepts but due to poor internet connection and lack of access to smartphones, she is unable to learn at the same pace as earlier.”

Access to the Internet and the availability of cheaper digital devices for girls in rural areas is probably crucial to empower them.