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COVID-19

RESPONSE FUND REPORT

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Introduction

As the global COVID-19 crisis evolves, India continues to battle the pandemic's most devastating effects, including high mortality rates, unemployment, food scarcity, and economic decline. Girls in particular have suffered greatly during the country's upheaval. Already at high risk for injustice and abuse, many Indian girls have also been forced to give up their education—the main avenue through which they can achieve financial solvency, critical life skills, and independence.

As part of our commitment to girls throughout India, C2C has implemented a three-phase COVID-19 Response Fund to tackle these new challenges. This report outlines the structure of the Response Fund and illustrates how it is helping the girls, their schools, and their families.

A resident receives COVID-19 treatment in India.

Phase One

Food rations

COVID-19
testing/treatment

Sanitizing/hygiene
efforts

Phase Two

Food rations

COVID-19
testing/treatment

Sanitizing/hygiene
efforts

Mental health

Remote access to
learning

Phase Three

Food rations

Vaccination

Mental health

Remote access to
learning

Operating support for
needs arising due to
pandemic

Two members of C2C's partner organization in India distribute food at a residential center.



Food rations

As a consequence of the pandemic and its economic impact, Indian families will continue to struggle with food scarcity in the foreseeable future. C2C has allocated a significant portion of our resources to food rations. For a three-month period, we have been able to provide food to girls in residential centers, as well as to over four hundred, four-to-five member families.



Pictured left and right: Staff at C2C's partner organization in India distributes food to families.

COVID-19 testing, treatment & residential sanitizing



Teenagers from C2C's partner organization in India stand in front of a COVID-19 testing vehicle.

Because the girls live in close quarters at our partner centers, they are more susceptible to virus exposure and outbreaks. In addition to educating the girls about protective measures like hand-washing and mask-wearing, we have provided the centers with year-long supplies of sanitizing equipment. Additionally, we provide support for COVID-19 testing and treatment as needed.



Staff from C2C's partner organization in India sanitizes residential centers.



Teenagers receive COVID-19 tests.



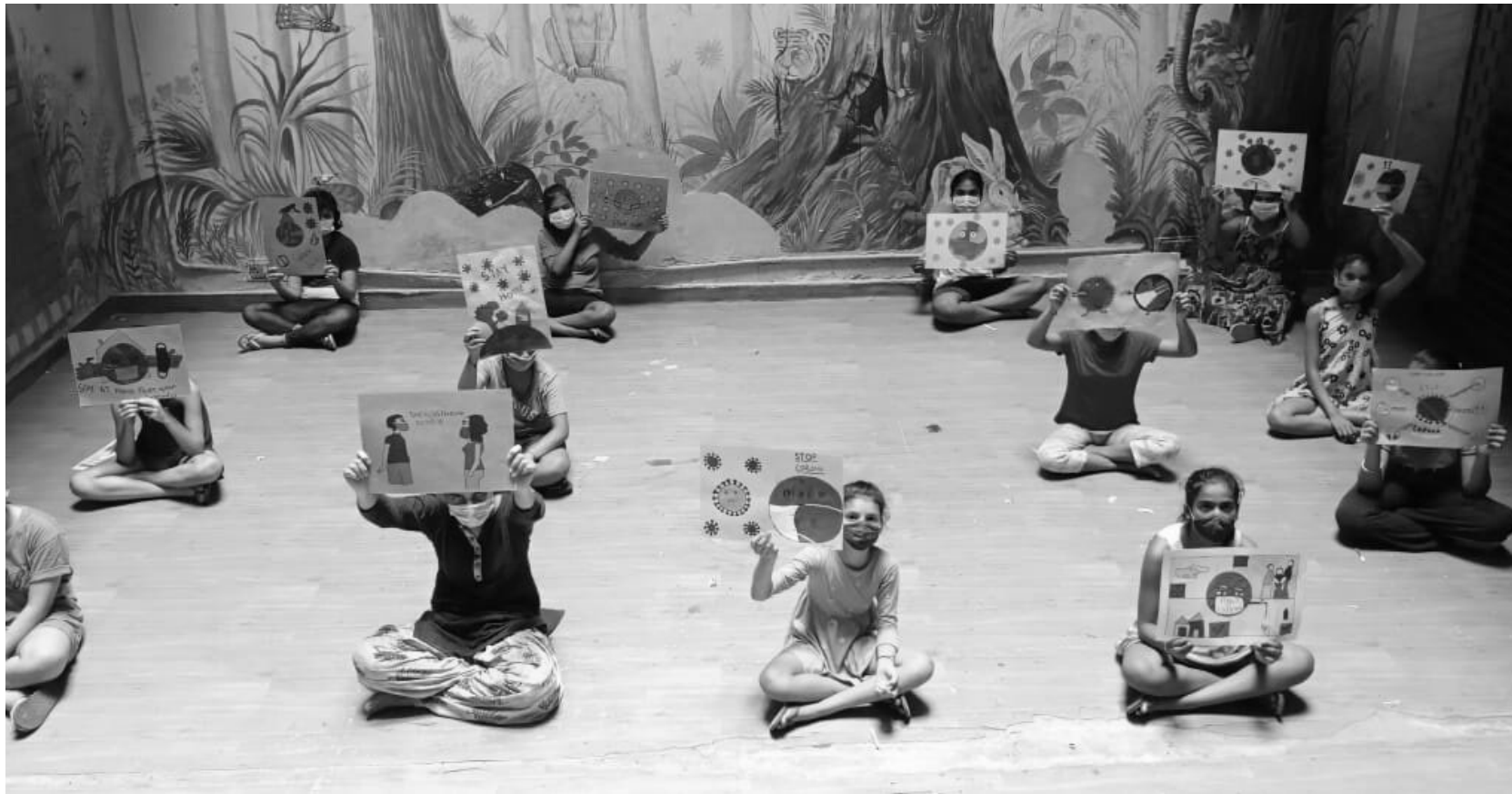
A staff checks on medical supplies.



A teacher gives out medications to students.

Mental health

As the mental well-being of Indian girls has always been a priority in C2C initiatives, we are addressing the emotional impact of the pandemic through mindfulness programs and specialized counseling in some of our partner organizations.



Children showcase their paintings as a part of a COVID-19 education program at C2C's partner organization in India.

Remote access to learning

All schools in India have opened this year in full remote-learning format, making it imperative that girls have use of remote-learning tools. C2C has provided internet connections, data plans, cell phones, and tablets to our students so they can access classes and curricula. Teachers and staff continue to monitor their attendance and provide support.



A teacher at C2C's partner organization gives a lecture about COVID-19 prevention to her class.

Riya's Story



Riya, a girl sponsored by C2C in India, stands in the kitchen area at her family house.

Riya's entire family has benefited from the food rations provided by C2C's COVID-19 Response Fund. A student in class three of the SPRJ Kanyashala Trust's primary school in Mumbai, Riya is an excellent student whose life has been severely impacted by the pandemic. She currently lives with her grandparents in a small, one-room rental house in a chawl, a low-income tenement building. After her father passed away, her mother became a single parent and the family's main breadwinner. Riya's uncle helps support the family with his job as a driver, but the pandemic has made it increasingly difficult to earn a steady income.

Riya sits with her family.



As a result, Riya's mother has been unable to financially support her family and provide basic needs. C2C's COVID-19 food program has eased this burden for Riya and her family by providing them with a three-month supply of nutritious meals. As a student supported by C2C, Riya has continued throughout the crisis to participate online in her school classwork and activities. She intends to further her education and pursue her goal of becoming a teacher.



Riya cleans up her family's house.

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આભાર અમને રાશન આપવા માટે.

Thank you so much!

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A thank you letter

"I am Amrat Harman Patel. My daughter Jagruti Harman Patel is a student of class 10-B. We are 6 family members in one house.

During the lockdown we lost our jobs and our financial condition became very weak. But we have received from the school throughout the lockdown and even now, which has made a difference in our financial condition.

We have received a lot of help in the form of ration from C2C for which we are very very thankful to them. This school provides top quality education and many other facilities which cannot be found in any other school. Once again we are very grateful to C2C for giving us ration. Thank you so much."

- Amratben

A thank you letter from the mother of a student who is taking classes at C2C's partner organization in India.

Acknowledgement

Thank you to all of the individuals who donated so generously to the C2C COVID-19 Response Fund. Thank you also to the corporate sponsors and foundations below that provided charitable assistance during these trying times.

With our whole hearts we thank you all for your support!



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