

HEAL PARADISE – THOTAPALLI. ELIZABETH LEGACY OF HOPE- ARTIFICIAL LIMB CENTER.

ELOH INITIATIVES DURING THE PANDEMIC (April-December'2020)

INTRODUCTION:

Covid-19 lockdown period was the toughest to almost everyone in the world more so for the poorest of the poor in India from 25th of March to June 15th who could not go out for work. For them no work means no pay. They had to struggle a lot during this period. The families of our amputee children are no different. Entire country was in lockdown. Subsequently, during the restricted Unlock period very limited mobility was permitted and child amputees who were benefitted by ELOH unable to come to the artificial limb center for repairs and reviews. Public transport almost stopped including trains. Based on the situation and the need of the children HEAL-ELOH staff visited the villages by ambulance and helped the children to walk. Staff of ELOH and HEAL visited the villages taking all precautionary measures of wearing face masks, gloves, sanitizers and maintaining social distance.



Enquiry over phone: contacted 103 child beneficiaries and their family members during the lockdown period and enquired about the situation in their village, financial and health condition of their families. We prepared an excel sheet for all the child beneficiaries and documented their educational, financial and health conditions even in their villages.

Dissemination of Information: shared the update information on government support and covid-19 relief initiatives with the beneficiary's families. Our state and central governments supported all the marginal families in the country during the lockdown period by providing 2 times ration of essential commodities per month. We made them aware about the Government support and encouraged them to avail the benefits.



Awareness created on sanitary measures: Created awareness among the child beneficiaries and their family members about the importance of personal hygiene and to maintain good sanitary conditions in their homes as well as their surroundings. Wearing of face masks, using sanitizers, frequent hand wash, maintaining social distance and nutritious food intake. Enquired about the annual exams and results of child beneficiaries and

encouraged them to continue higher education.

Covid-19 relief initiatives by ELOH: As per the enquiry conducted over the phone with the child beneficiaries' families, 19 most deserving families have been selected out of 108 and ELOH supported them giving relief materials (Essential commodities- Rice, Pulses, Groceries, Edible oil, Vegetables, and eggs etc.) worth Rs.4,600/- twice during the lockdown period with a gap of one month. The first distribution of essential commodities was made on 06-06-2020 and the second was made on 01-07-2020.





Preparation of Artificial Limbs During the unlock down: Prepared 3 Limbs for replacement, during the partial unlock down time in the month of June/July. The measurements have been taken for 3 children before lockdown and prepared for replacement during the 2nd quarter.

Mobile Service: Visited 6 villages in the month of July and taken measurements for 2

replacements and done 4 repairs (Foot change, Tightened the screws and bolts, Hight adjustment etc.,)

With warm regards,

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