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Greetings from Help A Child Of India, Nabarangpur Child Development Project.

We are very thankful to you for your continuous support which benefited poor children in different life aspects like health, education, social and life skills. Nabarangpur CDP is striving hard to bring development, joy and happiness to the children and their communities.

The year (May 2020- May 2021) due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic program activities could not be carried out so they were replaced with activities related to COVID-19 Relief and Protection Intervention.

Effects of COVID-19:

COVID-19 outbreak directly interfered with program implementation which needed program activities to be replaced with COVID-19 Related activities. As there was nationwide lockdown our project staff had to be under work from home mode and after obtaining permission from the District Administration carried out Relief and Protection Intervention to mitigate sufferings of target children and their communities. Project facilitated dry ration to 800 families as a nutritional supplement; gave awareness to parents on child safety and COVID-19 preventive measures. The schools are closed and only online classes' available project initiated E-learning Education Program and installed SMART TVs in 12 target villages, so 600 school children accessed online classes and are able to continue their education even when schools are closed. Psychosocial support given to children with home based activities like drawing pictures, letter writing and story writing. Child Leadership Teams participated in the fight against COVID-19 and gave awareness door to door on proper use of face masks, hand washing and social distancing. Project also conducted mass awareness campaign and promoted COVID appropriate behaviour. CBOs and youth monitored COVID situation in their villages and regularly updated concerned government staff. All this ensured safety of children and community members of the target area from COVID-19 in the first wave of pandemic. Presently target area is facing the second wave of COVID-19 pandemic. Lockdown and shutdown measures are back again with schools remaining close. 5 positive cases are detected in the target villages but no fatality so far. Vaccination already started but shortage of supply and fear among people slowed down the pace. Project staff are being involved in giving awareness and regular update to target people for the safety of children and communities. Everyone is anxiously waiting to see the end of pandemic and to resume normal life again.



Awareness on COVID-19, Dry ration distribution, Psychosocial kit & child engaged in creativity at home.

Successful Activities:

1. 600 children from the target villages accessed online classes through E-learning Education Program in the 12 target villages. The teaching videos from Government run online program called E-Suvidya Alternate Learning and Mentorship Program were obtained and provided to E-learning Education Program centers. The children from class-III to class-X are able to continue their education even though schools are closed through the SMART TVs installed by the project.
2. Anadi Bhatra is a 13 year old differently able girl with elbow stiffness condition of physical impairment. Psychosocial support and E-learning Education Program facilitated by Help A Child Of India immensely helped her during the lockdown to keep engaged in the home based activities and to continue her education through online classes. Even though she is promoted to next class without examination along with all children due to COVID pandemic she could learn and improve her knowledge and remain motivated to education.
3. 12 Whatsapp groups were formed with the CBO members and Youth those who possess SMART phones. They were trained on COVID-19 preventive measures and disseminated information. As a preventive step the CDC members monitored COVID-19 situation in the village and updated the local government authorities. As a result they could successfully prevent the pandemic in their villages.

Challenges:

1. Timely availability of teaching videos for children was a challenge as the concerned department officials were sharing these videos within their department teachers only in their group. We contacted the department teachers and requested them to forward the videos in WhatsApp to us. These teaching videos we download and circulate to our E-learning Education Program centers and the children were able to access.
2. Procurement of dry ration for the COVID-19 Relief and Protection Intervention was a challenge as the transportation facilities were limited. Many shops were with short supply of required items. However, we managed to find a supplier who arranged the items from different shops and supplied us which we distributed to our target people.
3. Vaccination already started but shortage of supply and fear among people slowed down the pace. Project staff are giving awareness to target area people to promote vaccination. We expect once supply of COVID vaccine becomes regular then more people from our target villages will willingly take the jab.

Life Story:

Parbati lives in the District of Nabarangpur. She is 14 years old and studying in Class- X. Due to COVID-19 her school was closed and she came home. She is the eldest of four children in the family. She is a semi-orphan lives in a small house. When she came home due to lockdown she thought she will be back to school very soon. But it did not happen. In her words, ***"I was very much worried as 10th class board examination is very important for my future carrier and I had no access to online class. I was feeling Nervous. But after E-learning Education Programme was started a SMART TV was installed in our village I could access online classes two hours daily and prepared for my 10th class board examination. Even though Government cancelled the examination and promoted all students including I am very happy that through online class I could understand my lessons better. Now I am confident to do well in my Intermediate study. I want to complete higher study and become a good teacher and help poor children like me....."***



Parbati supports mother in the domestic chores and continue her study through E-learning Education Program