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Dear Friends

We are over two weeks into a nationwide lockdown and like everyone here in India, we are hopeful that the efforts being made by the Indian government to fight back against COVID-19 are successful. These are extraordinary times and even the best of planning and mitigation efforts sometimes don't suffice.

In our last newsletter to you, we mentioned the intense impact of COVID-19 that led us to send all the girls back their home. Since then we are continuously in touch with most of the parents and would want to happily inform you that they are doing well and have sufficient basic necessary items (like food and other daily use of things) to survive in this difficult time. We are following with them on regular basis. We also told them if they need any help in future they could easily approach us so we will provide them whatever is needed. We are also in touch with local administration and are finding ways to coordinate in the best way possible.

The country is under lockdown till April 14th and on April 14th, government will review the situation and would take any decision to whether the left the lockdown or not.

Decision on education, opening schools, conducting examinations will be taken by the government in near future, we would keep you inform on in this front also as and when we hear any news from education department. Up till now everything is on hold.

All the member of Veerni staff are doing well, they are safe at home. Veerni staff has taken the decision to donate their 40% salaries towards helping the needy people who are struggling to get daily food during this difficult time.

We are thinking to distribute food packets to needy families with the help of the local administration, will keep you posted on this as and when we get a permission from local administration to supply the food packets.

Kind Regards,



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