



# Mahavir International, Vadodara

## Mahavir Foundation Trust

### Monthly Report – July, 2020

#### Implementation of our flagship “Open Scholarship Scheme”

One of our largest flagship initiative, “Open Scholarship Scheme” is now being implemented in full swing. Because of the various constraints due to Corona Pandemic, we have had to devise a number of novel mechanisms. The forms were distributed and collected from Hill Memorial School, one of our adopted schools who readily agreed to let us use their main assembly hall. This distribution used to be done from the office in earlier years which was not feasible this time because of space limitations (we get over 300 persons coming over between 10 and 4 on some days). Hill was fully sanitised and we have followed all social distancing norms; masks and sanitizers are a must etc. A large team including Asha Deep and ADMS teachers as well as Ronak, Dhara and Darshana and Niketa from office were fully involved.

You will be glad to know that over 3,700 beneficiaries collected application forms and close to 3,600 of them have submitted completed forms. **Our assessments and re-assessments have also gone virtual – mostly on whatsapp video.** A large number of members and volunteers are undertaking this task. As a matter of fact, many of our senior members are finding it more effective for old cases as they are able to get a clear view of the household and are able to see and interact with all members of the family. You will be happy to note that our new schemes of **Shining Stars** and **Stars** are also being implemented with much higher financial support. A number of our members and associates are also providing very valuable guidance and counselling support to all these star performers.

While assessments are in full swing, the trust has also decided to initiate disbursement of scholarships with immediate effect as a lot of families are under tremendous stress. Again, this is largely being done through direct transfers to the bank accounts in old cases and issuance of cheques from office in the new cases. For new applicants, UID cards as well as our Prayer (with Sankalp) and a brochure in Gujarati with overview of our activities are also being given.

We are hoping to complete all disbursements by end of August (latest). The total amount is likely to be well above Rs 1.50 crores. We are indeed happy that even in these difficult times, we have been able to implement this flagship scheme with increased effectiveness and pace. Sincere gratitude to all our esteemed members, associated volunteers and teachers and, of course, the dedicated office staff who made it feasible

The update as of July 31st is given below.

<b>31.07.2020</b>	<b>Forms</b>		
	<b>Old</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Given Out</b>	<b>2035</b>	<b>1750</b>	<b>3785</b>
<b>Received</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>3467</b>
<b>Entry Done</b>	<b>1866</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>3466</b>
<b>31.07.2020</b>	<b>Disbursement</b>		
	<b>Old</b>	<b>new</b>	
No. of Beneficiaries	694	406	<b>1100</b>
Amount (in Rs)	31,94,200	12,62,600	
Total	<b>Rs 44,56,800</b>		

A few photos are included here.





## Distribution of Personal Care products

Vasu Healthcare have been our CSR sponsors and well-wishers for a long time now. Every year, they provide large quantities of personal healthcare products including hair oil, creams etc. These are then distributed to Asha Deep families and other needy families in the vicinity. Please see attached photos of the distribution activity this year.



## Continued Distribution of Ration Kits

While a number of economic activities have resumed during the last two months, the overall impact of CORONA pandemic is still very acute on a large number of families, including our beneficiary families. Stress and strain is leading to desperation with many families finding difficulty in making the ends meet. We have therefore decided to continue with distribution of Ration Kits on need basis. Over four hundred kits were distributed during July, many of these based on approaches made to MFT from families that are not directly connected to our beneficiary base. Again, a few photos are included.





## Distribution of Sanitary Napkins

This activity was suspended for almost three months because of movement restrictions resulting from various lock-downs. As soon as unlocking started, distribution of sanitary napkins was resumed. The large number of beneficiary girls and women were indeed relieved of their tension because of temporary suspension of distribution of napkins. Almost all Asha Deep centres and their vicinities have been covered.

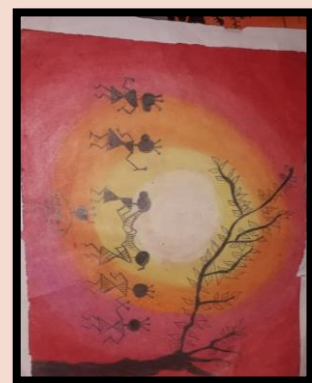
Please see attached photos.



## Online Studies for Project Kayakalp

Board results for Kayakalp project have been gratifying, inspite of many difficulties. Admission process for the current academic session was begun just before lock-down and has continued after major restrictions were lifted. While formal class room instructions are still banned, full-fledged online teaching has been implemented. Also, extensive guidance and counselling efforts are being put in by Kayakalp team to ensure that Kayakalp students try and make the best use of these difficult times. Students have also been actively encouraged to undertake household activities to help parents, indulge in cooking and to also develop other skills (painting, art works, writing skills etc). Emphasis is particularly being laid on improving English language skills.

A few examples are shown below.



## Asha Deep Centres

As Asha Deep Centres cannot be run as yet, upgradation of some of the centres is currently under progress (please see attached photos). Also, many compassionate teachers have been calling children home in small batches to continue with academics and learning. We hope to be able to start all Asha Deep centres as soon as the regulations permit the same.



