BOSCO BUDELLA CENTRE





ADMIN TEAM THROUGH COVID TIMES

The announcement of nation wide lockdown to curve the Covid-19 pandemic hit hard on every one in the nation. There was panic, fear and every one thought of saving oneself from this deadly pandemic through whichever means they could. BOSCO too followed the government orders and suggested that we should work from home till the lockdown ends.

This phenomenal idea of work from home was new and many of us thought how we would connect to the PoCs in this lockdown period. But Covid-19 lockdown did not deter us from connecting to the PoCs. By end of the first lockdown, there was news that there will be second lockdown too. Strategies and its implementation for providing services to our POCs was put in motion. The news of second lockdown brought lots of challenging situation especially less ration supply, landlord issues, financial problem and frustration of losing job. There were numerous calls for the ration support. Most of them complained that many of their community members would definitely die of hunger than Covid-19. This panic and helplessness of the PoCs pushed the office to make quick and wise decision to distribute the dry ration to all the refugees who have valid UN Card across all nationalities in Delhi.

The decision to purchase the dry ration was quick but the lockdown paralyzed the zeal within us. We were wondering how to make the rations reach in the community. The thought that even if we succeeded, the distribution would be equally tough due to deployment of the section 144 of CPC which does not allow to gather more than four people at a time. Soon the office applied for the two-wheeler Covid-19 passes and with much difficulties we received three passes for two-wheeler and van. Once the Covid-19 passes were in hand, office drafted letters to all the police station close to the distribution centers requesting for police cooperation during ration distribution.



Though it seems easy, but it is really tough to go out when every one is afraid of getting infected by the corona virus. But the need of the hour was far greater than one would think of. Thus, some of us risking oneself went out to distribute the same. And while distribution we followed all the protocol of the government like maintaining social distancing and wearing mask were made compulsory for all those who came to collect the ration.

Our target for first round was 2500 household and second round was 950 household but we managed to cover more than the target we planned for.

1. House hold covered through BOSCO funding

S. No.	Nationality	Round one Distribution	Round two Distribution
1	Afghans- Bhogal	420	228
2	Afghans- Malviya Nagar	243	197
3	Afghans- Tilak Nagar	464	1
4	Afghans- Wazirabad	79	84
5	Hindu Sikh Afghan	81	0
6	African nationals	272	80
7	Iran, Palestinian and Iraqi	11	0
8	Rohingya (Christian)	25	48
9	Rohingya (Hastal	30	50
10	Rohingya (Madanpur Khadar)	168	112
11	Rohingya (Shaheen Bagh)	96	288
12	Rohingya(Khajoori khas)	68	137
13	Rohingya (Ghaziabad)	42	0
14	Chins	906	647
Total		2905	1872

- 2. House hold covered through private donors
- 276 Families in the first round
- 1051 Families in the second round
- 3. Coordinated the distribution of 362 SA cheques for the month of March'2020.



NIOS CLASSES IN COVID-19

Over the last few weeks, almost everything in our lives has changed because of Covid-19. From shopping, socialising, working, studying, celebrating functions and important occasions like Ramadan are affected due to Covid-19 lockdown. But there is one thing that has not changed is our commitment to refugee students.

In times of crisis, the NIOS teachers have delivered the most. As schools across the world have temporarily closed their doors due to the Covid-19 pandemic, educators are turning to remote learning as a way to keep their students engaged.

Our NIOS Teachers and students are staying connected through online video conferencing and other virtual learning mediums. Our mission has been to ensure that learning will never be interrupted, no matter what. By following the strict rules of the government, all BOSCO centres were closed down.

However NIOS classes and the learning continued virtually in spite of the nation wide lockdown. Virtual classes were held, though totally different from traditional classes, yet most of the students have actively participated and the learning has been in progress.









Ramin Humdard a NIOS teacher from Malviya Nagar centre is using virtual medium to conduct each of his lectures remotely and allows students to take notes and ask questions in real-time. He says, "I meet with students using virtual learning app like Zoom by taking online classes daily. Classes begin and end at the same time as per the fixed timetable followed before lockdown. Everyday I reach out to 60 students through online classes on Zoom app and 88 students through Whatsapp group." After each lecture students work out the assigned problems on paper, take a picture, and upload it through Whatsapp. His day wraps up with grading the submitted assignments.



C.Vanlallawmi, NIOS teacher from Budella centre says that "Lockdown may stop students from going to school but education will never stop and will continue to reach students. Everyday I reach out to 116 students through online classes on Whatsapp group." She has been taking regular online classes virtually on Zoom, Whatsapp. She is using these unfamiliar mechanisms to stay connected for learning, giving hope and positivity to the students that learning will never stop even during this pandemic.



Shalet, one of NIOS teachers says that "Keeping ourselves and the students engaged has become the priority since the lockdown, and virtual classes have proved to be helpful in these difficult times. Everyday I reach out to 63 students through online classes on Whatsapp group." She has been taking Maths classes and coordinating with the students regularly of all the three BOSCO centres. According to her role of a teacher is greater than God. It is a teacher who teaches who God is?



Thomas one of the NIOS teachers from Bhogal centre says that "Since the Covid-19 lockdown my day starts with a walk, then by following up with my students and by teaching them four hours per day using virtual learning app Zoom to those who have access to internet. Once or twice in a week I also help in ration distribution to our beneficiaries. Everyday I reach out to 15 students through online classes on Whatsapp group/Zoom App."

ACTIVITIES AT ROHINGYA SITES IN COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

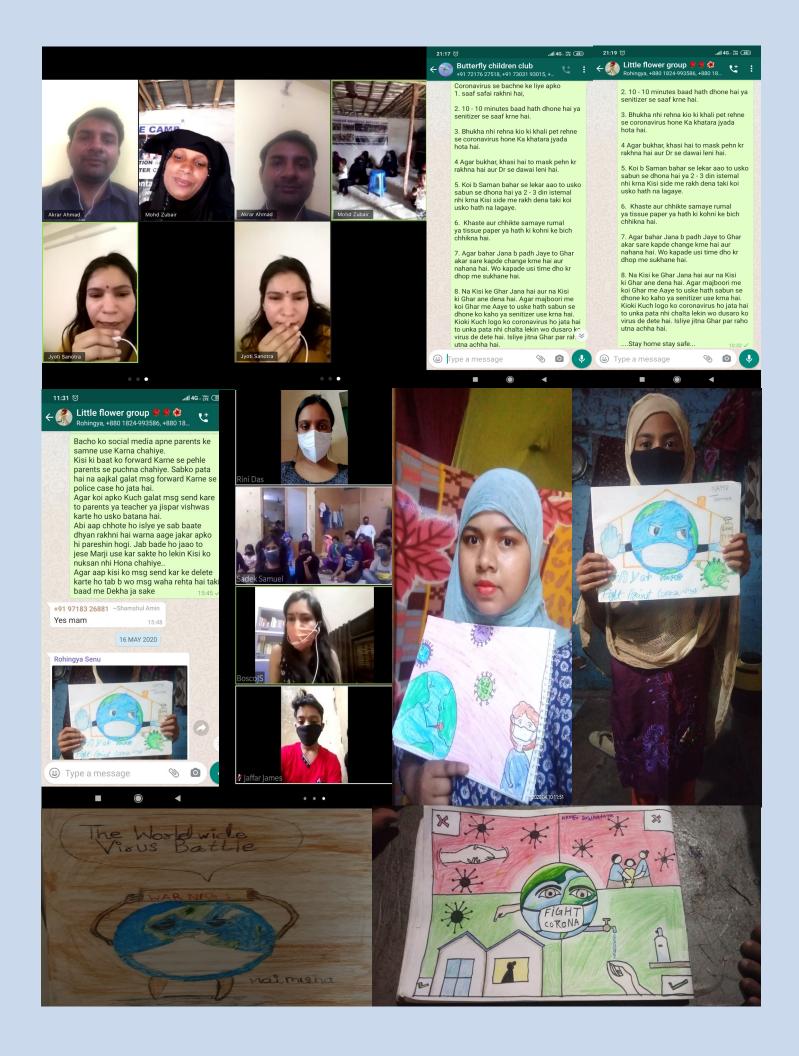
FOR APRIL

- Women's club sessions were held virtually with Rohingya women at four Rohingya sites on the topic of SGBV and Covid-19 by using mediums like phone calls, Whatsapp and Zoom App.
- Children's club sessions were held virtually with Rohingya children at four Rohingya sites on the topic of Covid-19 by using mediums like phone calls, Whatsapp and Zoom App.
- Rohingya school going children were regularly followed up regarding their online classes.
- SGBV cases from Rohingya sites were reported timely.
- Ration distribution lists of all Rohingya sites were prepared and updated.
- Updation of CBI SA matrix for the school going Rohingya girls.
- Regular telephonic follow up with Rohingya communities

FOR MAY

- Women's club sessions were held virtually with Rohingya women at four Rohingya sites on the topic of Self Care by using mediums like phone calls, Whatsapp and Zoom App. UNHCR staff also attended the sessions and briefed about the topic SGBV awareness and prevention.
- Children's club sessions were held virtually with Rohingya children at four Rohingya sites on the topic of Right use of social media by using mediums like phone calls, Whatsapp and Zoom App.
- Rohingya school going children were regularly followed up regarding their online classes.
- Regular telephonic follow up with Rohingya communities.
- Ration distribution lists of all Rohingya sites were prepared and updated.
- Conducted an activity with Khajoori khas and Madanpur khadar children's club members for #ISupport Campaign.





DAFI ACTIVITIES AND ENGAGEMENTS AMID COVID-19 LOCKDOWN

Due to Covid-19 lockdown, all colleges have been closed. DAFI scholars who are pursuing their graduation from Universities across Delhi and other cities have been receiving online learning support by their University through multiple web services and applications like Zoom App, Loom, Skype, Google Classroom and Google Meet to ensure educational continuity. Through Zoom App, Whatsapp groups and telephone conference calls DAFI scholars and alumni have been regularly monitored by BOSCO for their well being and safety. Information about social distancing, prevention and response against corona virus are also shared regularly. Overall 38 active DAFI scholars and 30 alumni have been reached out. Active DAFI scholars have been receiving their monthly DAFI SA through online bank account transfer mode.

DAFI scholars and alumni were informed about the following initiatives like Tide Turners Plastic Online challenge, Covid-19 V-Force India initiative, Janta curfew, 9pm-nine minutes initiative by Prime Minister, The Educational Enhancement Programme by Shakti Shalini organization, E- learning platform called edX, Bharat padhe online campaign by MHRD, Youth with Refugees Art Contest By UNHCR, Webinars organized by Organizations and Universities so that they participate and keep themselves engaged during lockdown.

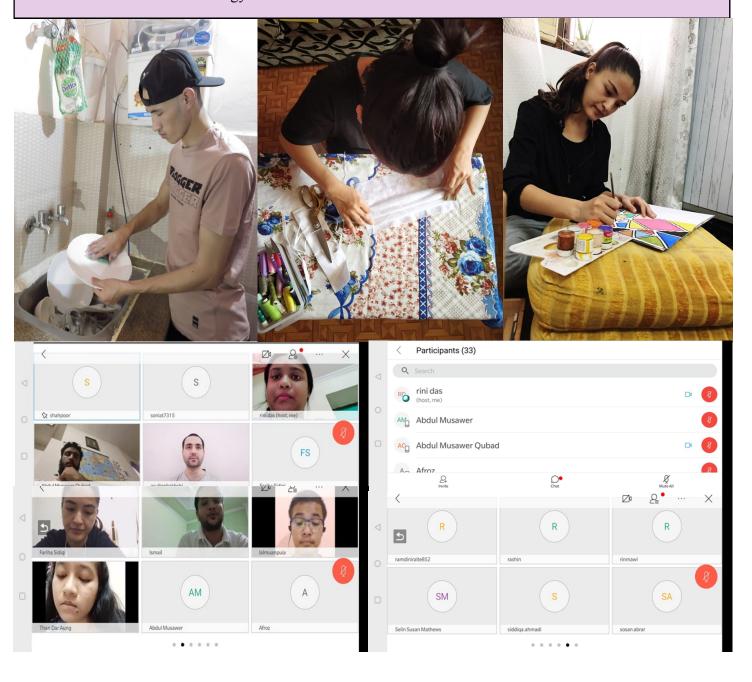
DAFI scholars and their families contributed in the fight against Covid-19 by distributing free hand made masks in the community, neighborhood and through tutorial videos on mask making which were shared across communities and on BOSCO facebook page. DAFI scholars of different nationalities attended Community Engagement teleconference meeting with UNHCR, BOSCO and SLIC staff to discuss Covid-19 impact, coping mechanism and way forward.



Male DAFI scholars and alumni participated in the poster making activity on the theme "Productivity amid Covid-19 lockdown: Engaging in household activities and breaking gender stereotypes". Virtual DAFI monthly interactive session for April was held with DAFI scholars on the topic-Preparedness, Prevention and Control of Covid-19 on Zoom App. An activity named #KindnessMatters was conducted with DAFI scholars and alumni which served as a platform to motivate everyone by sharing their stories of kindness amid Covid-19 lockdown. DAFI scholars participated in the poster making activity on the theme "We stand together in solidarity with India in its fight against Covid-19."

Celebration of International Day Of Living Together In Peace in the virtual DAFI monthly interactive session for May was held with DAFI scholars and UNHCR staff on Webex meeting app. A talk was organized on the topic "Fighting Covid-19 Together: Role of Peace, Tolerance, Inclusion and Solidarity to fight Coronavirus pandemic." DAFI scholars paid tribute to Corona Warriors by sharing messages and preparing posters. They also prepared posters for the #ISupport campaign by youth team.

During the lockdown period scholars and alumni have been encouraged to engage in activities like reading books, meditation, art, sketching, writing, gardening, cooking and to pursue their passion for effective utilization of their time and energy.





SA PAYMENT PROCESSING IN COVID TIMES

We at BOSCO do the Assessment, Review, Processing and Distribution part of the Cash grant called Subsistence Allowance (SA). Action Aid is authorized to issue cheques.

Subsistence Allowance (SA) is given to most vulnerable refugees like persons with disability, elderly, persons with serious medical conditions with no support and also to unaccompanied or separated children. SA is given on monthly basis, Assessment/Reviews are done monthly or for two, three or six months based on the guidelines or policies or criteria. The Assessment/Reviews are done by SA team comprising of SA Coordinator, Social workers, Psychologists and overall Project Manager.

SA entries for each eligible cases are done and generated in different SA batches through database (ProGres) on receiving of approval from UNHCR. During this lock down period since we cannot access the database we prepare SA batches in Excel sheets to be sent to UNHCR by Project Manager to authorize Action Aid for cheque issuance.

On receiving the cheques from Action aid BOSCO initiates the SA cheque distribution to the clients. Normally done at the centres (West and South Delhi), but due to lockdown distribution is being done at different locations since clients cannot reach centres.

For April 2020 we have processed -

- SA for 364 cases (581 beneficiaries).
- Cash grant for 2 beneficiaries -institutional deliveries (Rohingya clients)
- Cash grant for 26 cases (35 beneficiaries)- (Rohingya girl students going to Government Schools)
- *The cheques yet to be distributed.