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RECAP OF LOCKDOWN TIMELINE IN CHENNAI

- March 24th
Pan-India lockdown announced.
- April 14th
Pan-India lockdown extended to May 3rd in an effort to contain the continued spread of the coronavirus with focus given to existing hotspots.
- May 1st
Pan-India lockdown extended until May 17th with a district-wide zone classification system. Chennai being one of the 12 red zone districts within Tamil Nadu (TN).
- May 18th
Pan-India lockdown extended to May 31st. Chennai remaining a hotspot with the number of patients rapidly increasing.
- May 31st
Lockdown extended until June 30th. Significant relaxation of rules was seen across TN except for major hotspots including Chennai. Chennai remaining in a COVID containment zone.
- June 19th
Lockdown in Chennai confirmed until the end of the month. Strict regulations and curfew in place.
- June 30th
Strict lockdown has been confirmed until July 5th. General lockdown will continue until July 31st.

MAY 10TH

35 KITS DISTRIBUTED TO INJAMBAKKAM COMMUNITY

Pudiyador was approached through a mediator by the Injambakkam community. As a community member herself, Grace requested Pudiyador's support in providing essential groceries for 35 families in need of immediate food rations. We decided to act. Injambakkam is a shanty community located on East Coast Road with most families consisting of domestic workers.



MAY 20TH

THIRD ROUND OF PUDIYADOR DISTRIBUTIONS

With this round of distributions, we were able to **double** our reach compared to previous rounds. Relief packages were distributed to 352 families in need across four Pudiyaador communities. Distributions were overall much more cleanly executed this round, as all food items were pre-bagged by the vendor.



Relief packages contained: 7kg rice, 1kg toor dal, 1L oil, 1kg wheat flour, 1kg chickpeas, 500g green grams, 500g fried gram, 1 pack sanitary napkins



PARTNERING WITH IRCUDC



We couldn't help but share these adorable photos from a food distribution in June. 100 healthy mix packages were distributed to homeless children in North Chennai.

We are always grateful to partner with amazing organizations like Information and Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCUDC). Through our collaboration, we have distributed over 1700 emergency relief kits since the middle of March. Together, we have benefitted more than 7000 individuals.



UPDATE FROM THE FEED CHENNAI INITIATIVE



**YOU DON'T HAVE
TO STEP OUT
TO REACH OUT.**

feedChennai

The Feed Chennai Initiative has almost doubled the number of meals served, from 38,700 on May 10th to 70,080 meals as of May 31st.

This initiative is a coalition of NGOs working together to provide much needed food relief for daily wage earners, stranded migrant workers and homeless persons within the city. Feed Chennai is one of four entities that has been selected by the Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) to partner in distributing relief kits across the city.

Additionally, Feed Chennai has collaborated with Chennai Migrant Taskforce and started to support unemployed migrant workers with essential groceries since the beginning of June.

Donations can be made on Feed Chennai's [GoFundMe](#) page or through [Milaap](#)! Please help us in spreading the word.

CRADLE HEALTH: SPOTLIGHT ON VIJI

Viji, our cradle health staff member in Kakkan Colony community has been at the forefronts of all relief efforts in this community.

Viji joined Pudiyador back in March, after taking part in the pilot for Cradle Health. Additionally, her daughter attends our Children's after-school program. Today, you can find Viji (with the help of her entire family) spearheading immediate relief efforts within their community. Their printing shop was converted into the central location for community-based relief kit distributions. With the help of her family's vast network, Viji compiled a comprehensive list of families in need (excluding existing Pudiyador beneficiaries) within their community. Thanks to her networking, organization and coordination, Viji single handedly helped Pudiyador extend our support to an additional 50 families.

More stories like Viji's can be found on our website!



Viji (in pink) distributing kits to Cradle mothers during our second round of relief in May 2020.

UPDATES FROM OUR AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Watermelon grown fresh from our Children's Centre in Urur Kuppam Community!

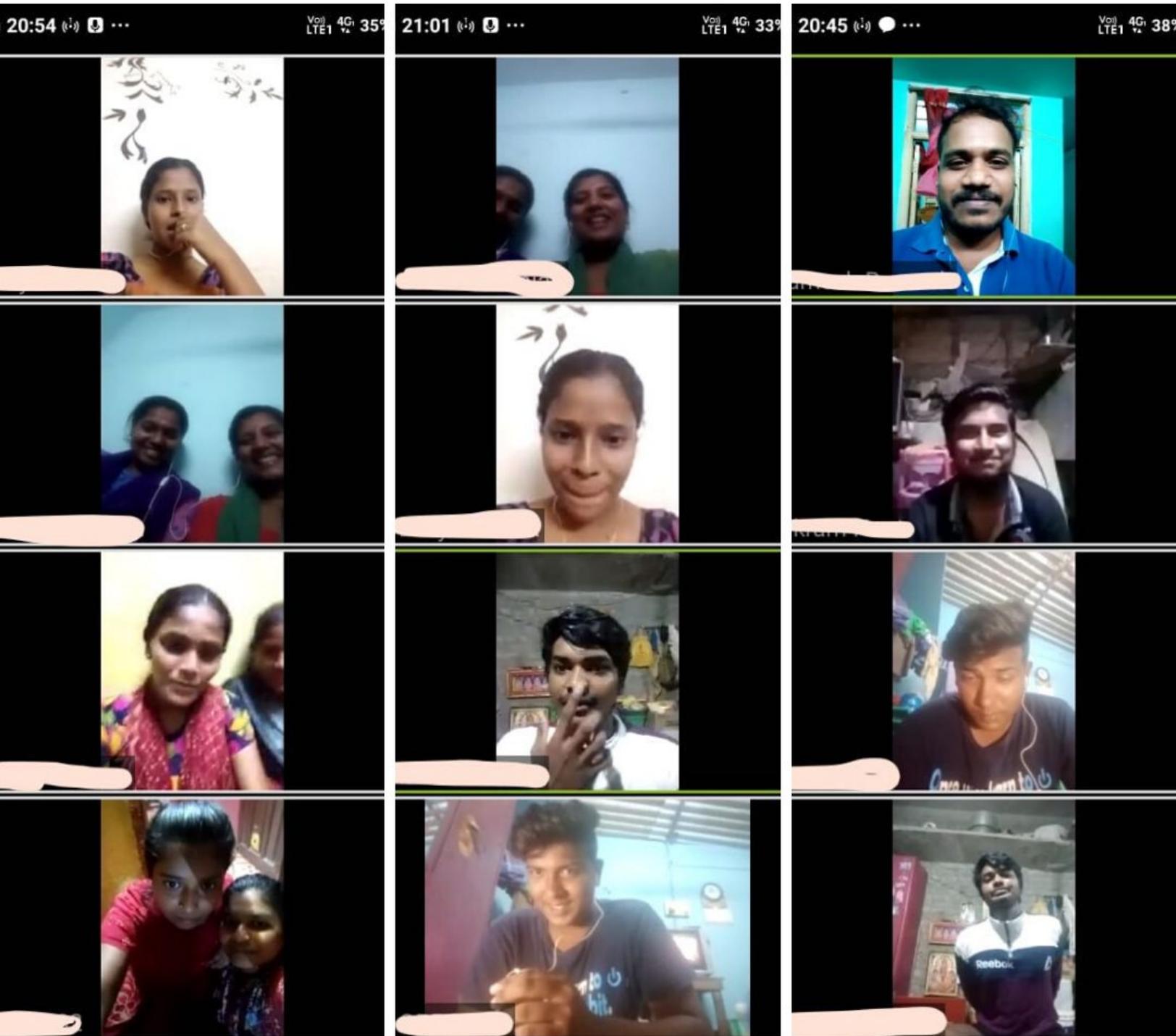


Our program coordinators have been working closely with our teachers to create curriculum and prepare for programs to run remotely for the near future.

Our after-school programs (School Bridge, Children's and Early Teens') have been given daily tasks to complete: from doing chores, to reading books and making sock puppets plus performances. Check out our social media handles for more videos of what some of these youngsters have been up to!



STAYING CONNECTED, REMOTELY!



Our Alumni in Ramapuram have made sure to stay in contact remotely despite the lockdown. Everyone has been providing updates about what they have been up to and expresses excitement for being able to meet in person when safe to do so.

Our team is working tirelessly to find creative solutions and approaches as to how we will move forward with our programming and as an organization with these uncertain times.

TREE UPDATE: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



So much growth from our saplings in Odai Kuppam community. These young ones were planted back in February and they have grown enormously! We are very excited that despite lockdown, community members have continued to tend to these trees. We look forward to basking under their shade one day!

WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE IN RAMAPURAM



In our Ramapuram community, we have a dedicated group of women who expressed a need to our team earlier this year - a space for themselves to access reliable sewing equipment. We were very impressed with the initiative taken by these women, and soon enough, we had a space secured for these women to sew and create.

These women reached out to our team the beginning of June and suggested that they could make masks, free of charge, to promote health and safety within their community. After a few phone calls, we were able to locate materials that were safely couriered to Ramapuram and now these women are busily producing masks!

WHAT HAS PUDIYADOR'S GROUND TEAM BEEN UP TO?



Our ground team continues to work diligently despite working remotely. Program coordinators have been working with teachers to curate and build curriculum. We look forward to re-opening our centres (when it is safe to do so) and implementing some of the exciting work that has been happening remotely these past few months.



We have faced many difficult situations these past few months. Nevertheless, we hold our heads high with all that we have been able to accomplish. We look forward to re-opening our centre doors.



Pudiyador and PACE are registered on Guidestar India and USA.

WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW MORE THAN EVER BEFORE!



Listed below are a few of PudiyaDor's most pressing needs:

- Learning devices - laptops, tablets, smart phones (new or lightly used)
- Doctors/nurses/healthcare professionals to volunteer and support our **virtual** Cradle Health sessions
- Tamil speaking volunteers to conduct **virtual** sessions for our children
- Volunteers who are willing to teach mini **virtual** modules (each module being 4-10 mins a week) to our teenagers

Call/Whatsapp us at +91 88076 07041 or email us at info@pudiyaDor.org for more info!