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# **CORONA -EXTENSION ACTIVITIES (2020-21)**



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# 3rd July 2020 CORONA-Health camp with Chennai Corporation.

#### **INTRODUCTION**

Preventing the spread of this pandemic is unfeasible in slums in Chennai because of some major challenges such as congestion, inadequate water supply, poor sanitation facilities, poverty and lack of awareness. Physical distancing, keeping at least 3 feet away from the nearest person while coughing, sneezing and even speaking, is an important measure to prevent the spread of the pandemic. In the slums in Chennai. About 37% of households have 26–50 square feet per person. Because of this congestion, slum dwellers cannot maintain physical distancing properly. Home quarantine for those who may have been exposed to corona virus is crucial to prevent community transmission.

The developed (having concrete structures) and undeveloped slums continue to throw up COVID-19 cases. These slum areas were focussed containment plan which addresses limited access to water and poor sanitation. The slum dwellers were trying their level best to maintain social distance while waiting to fetch water from tanker Lorries irrespective of containment zones. When the water lorry is not coming frequently, no one was bothered about social distancing.

Indra Awas Yojana, 60 per cent of residents were found to be staying in houses smaller than 215 square feet, making social distancing a challenge in itself. There is a lack of political will to move towards equity. People residing in slums constitute about 30 per cent of the city's population. But, they live in 2-3 per cent space in the city,

Having considered the above situation in slum areas, the Chennai Corporation initiated the Health camp and diagnosed for corona virus symptoms on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 in and around chetpet area. Students The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) has been distributing masks, sanitizers, and created awareness during corona pandemic.

The health camp has been conducted to the residents in and around Chetpet Slum. Namely the residents of Mangalapuram, Brindhavan, M.S Nagar and Jaganathapuram. The population gathered was approximately from 5kms in and around the Guild of Service Study Centre, Chetpet. The camp has been assisted by P. G Department of Social Work (aided) students.

#### **Work-done:**

To organize medical camp the coordinator contacted corporation authorities to organise health camp on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020. The students have helped in arranging the doctors from their contacts. Accordingly, main focused areas of the medical camp were fixed on 3rd July 2020 and identified some positive cases of corona virus. The volunteers prepared prescription books and tokens for the organization of the program. The vitamin c' tablets, kabasura water, mask and their temperature has been checked by the corporation team. The corporation medical team was conducted their checkups for about 3 hours. Almost four to five streets were enrolled and given their address while they undergo the medical checkups

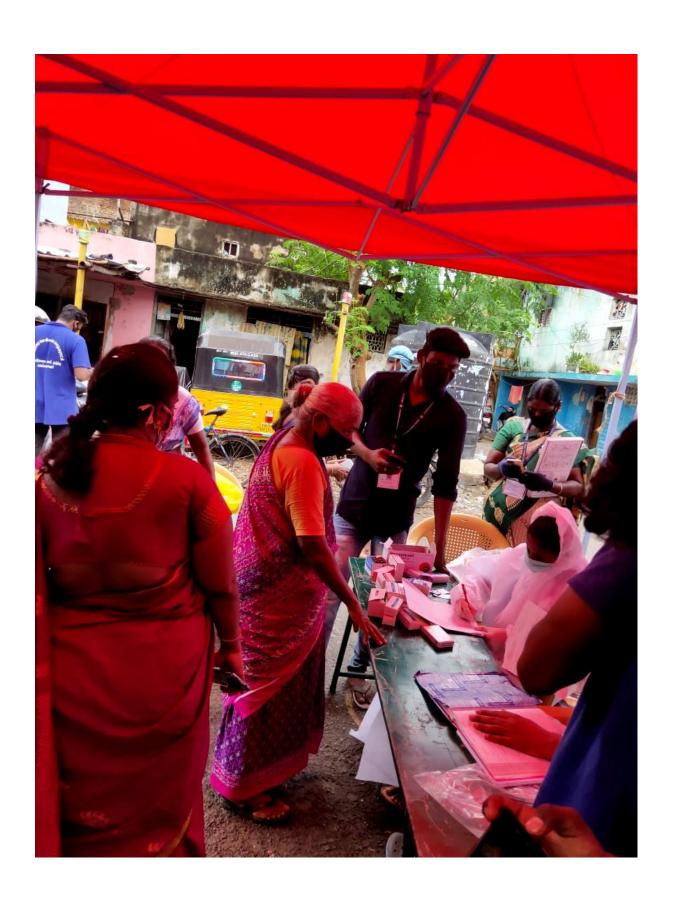
#### MSW STUDENTS ROLE

The students went house by house and mobilised and organised for the health team. Each and every member of the family start from child and elderly persons were gone for the medical checkups. They were also given note book to identify the affected cases in the area and to direct them for hospitalization. The students were also raising slogans related to corona prevention and other precautionary mechanisms. They also assisted in lining up members to avoid the crowd.

#### Conclusion

MSW students were trying to do their best in tackling the situation by extending counselling services, relief to families in the form of dry groceries, health camps and volunteering for the work of Govt and NGOs. Our students also have been very active in volunteering for the affected community and taking concerted action to alleviate the sufferings of elderly, women, differently abled, children and the homeless people in and around Chetpet area.

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17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

# GROCERY DISTRIBUTION & CORONA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN INTRODUCTION

The chetpet area has "Study Centre" established by Guild of Service. The poor students those who are studying in Mary Clubwala Jhadav (MCJ) school gets benefit out of it. The MSW students from first and second Years have been volunteered in guild of service study centre project in tutoring young girls between 3<sup>rd</sup> standard to 9<sup>th</sup> standard. The department takes interest in

reaching out the external sources (N.G.O'S& Private Assignments, Emergency Interventions Etc.),through this centre during the corona Pandemic.

For Slum dwellers the Livelihoods and jobs are unreachable during the corona pandemic situation and most of the people are employed in the unorganised sector. They are earning irregular incomes that by their nature of employment in unorganised sectors are vulnerable to shocks like COVID-19. The mobilising income and getting routine occupation has been problem to them. The corporation was not improved the slum people working conditions in forms to improve marketplaces, kiosks or street vendors occupations.

## **WORK DONE**

Having considered, the desperate problem, the department of MSW (Aided) along with Uravugal social welfare trust, on 17<sup>th</sup> July Groceries were distributed to Guild of service children. Thirty five grocery kits were distributed to underprivileged children studying in Guild of service centre. Each kit consists of Rice 10kg, door dhal 1kg, Black gram dhal 1kg, cooking oil 1 litre, mustard seeds 100g, cumin seeds 100g, pepper 10g, chilli powder, chips etc were distributed to children's family. After distributing the kits rally was organised. For Rally, the street artist experts were invited to display their campaign. We have chosen the, Brindavanam containment Zone for disseminating the corona awareness. The social distancing, wearing mask, frequent hand wash, taking vitamin tablets etc were taught to the community people through Role play. Even the mistakes done by common people were also narrated in the street theatre.

Then the Managalapuram containment area was chosen to create awareness on Corona Virus. Here we have distributed the corporation Mask to be worn by the people, when we connect one street to another, we were raising slogans in sensitizing them like, be alone, Not to touch the corona affected persons, gargling their mouth, using of hot water, frequent hand wash with soap or sanitizer etc. here also we have enacted the Role play. Wherever we go to the area there was a

high response to the programme and they were also joining with awareness campaign.

Then we went to Jaganathapuram area and created the awareness. In this area, no one was affected by corona. This area was seems to be little literate area were the community people were following the distance keeping discipline and other precautionary measures. The role play was done and other slogans were raised in order to teach them safe life during corona pandemic.

## **Conclusion:**

MSW students were committed and they did their level best in tackling the situation by extending counselling services, relief to families in the form of dry groceries, health camps and volunteering for the work of Govt and NGOs. Our students also have been very active in volunteering for the affected community and taking concerted action to alleviate the sufferings of elderly, migrants and the homeless.

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22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2020

### CORONA AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR CHILDREN& WOMEN

We have organised programme for children and women. We entered in the BPLC, announced the public about the corona prevention. With mike set we were campaigned about the social distancing, wearing mask and frequently washing hands.

# The plan of the day:

- 1) Conducted drawing competition to the students
- 2) Projected film related to corona
- 3) Corona Awareness dance by Transgender
- 4) Rangoli competition by women-displaying various aspects of corona virus.
- 5) Prize Distribution
- 6) Feed back
- 7) Conclusion

Conducted drawing competition to the students; the students of MSW have organised the children by giving crayons, chart paper, pencil and eraser. The children were given timing for about half an hour to draw corona related pictures and to colour it. Should stick on the timings given to them, The children were about 35, actively participated in the programme. After the time got over the drawing charts were collected by MSW students. Here we were not able to give the prizes on their performance. Instead to every child at the end of the meeting we have distributed the gifts. The reason behind the decision is that by grading them into prizes, those children who got prize will be happy and the non winners may have disappointments and may inculcate demotivation in their life.

**PROJECTED FILM RELATED TO CORONA**: the corona related video was prepared specifically mentioned on the origin of corona, spreading time,

contamination process, how to protect the health, strategies to keep safe health etc. It video ran about half an hour. At the end of the show questions were asked

to know whether the people understood the concept.

CORONA AWARENESS DANCE BY TRANSGENDERS: the transgender

were given street theatre programme and dance which highlighted about corona

virus. The street theatre contents were, reinforcing the social distancing, using of

hot water, frequent hand wash with soap or sanitizer, isolating the affected

persons etc.

CORONA AWARENESS THROUGH RANGOLI:

There were fifteen women participants who were displayed rangoli with attractive

colours, highlighting about corona virus. Out of fifteen responses the organisers

chosen three prizes based on their highlights about corona. The kitchen utensils

were given as a prize for their awareness. Rest of the members were given tiffin

boxes.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION; The prizes were distributed to everyone, appreciating

their talents and interests. Each and every one was recognized and given gift.

CONCLUSION;

The programmes started at 10.30 am and completed at 1.00 pm.

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# 1st August 2020

# Corona Community cum media intervention Programme

The Chetpet slums in Chennai, about 75% of households have 26–50 square feet per person. Because of this congestion, slum dwellers cannot maintain physical distancing properly. Home quarantine for those who may have been exposed to corona virus is crucial to prevent community transmission.

The developed (having concrete structures) and undeveloped slums continue to throw up COVID-19 cases. These slum areas were focussed containment plan which addresses limited access to water and poor sanitation. The slum dwellers were trying their level best to maintain social distance while waiting to fetch water from tanker Lorries irrespective of containment zones. When the water lorry is not coming frequently, no one was bothered about social distancing. Added to that there was no social support for the families to thrive upon during corona crisis.

Having considered, the Department of Social work MSW (Aided) and Uravugal Trust jointly organised the following programme. The Programme as Follows:

- Rally
- Street theatre
- Karakattam
- Media coverage

The Rally consists of MSW students, volunteers from Uravugal Trust, community youth etc. The social distancing was followed by community member's .The Rally went through the Managalapuram containment area to create awareness on Corona Virus. Here the students have distributed the corporation Mask to be worn by the people. when we connect one street to another, we were raising slogans in sensitizing them like, Be alone, Not to touch

the corona affected persons, gargling their mouth, using of hot water, frequent hand wash with soap or sanitizer etc. Wherever we go to the area there was a high response to the programme and they were also joining with awareness campaign.

Then we went to Jaganathapuram area and created the awareness. In this area, very few people were affected by corona. This area was seems to be little literate area were the community people were following the distance keeping discipline and other precautionary measures. Since there was a movement from one street to the next street there was a community spread of corona. The role play was done and other slogans were raised in order to teach them safe life during corona pandemic.

The methodology adopted was, as soon as we entered the new street, we have played Street theatre with karakattam and disseminated the corona related information's to the community people. The people were listened to us and responded positively. During the course of time the team can notice the declining of Corona in that chetpet areas.

# Conclusion;

MSW students were trying to do their best in tackling the situation by extending counselling services, relief to families in the form of dry groceries, health camps and volunteering for the work of Govt and NGOs. Our students also have been very active in volunteering for the affected community and taking concerted action to alleviate the sufferings of elderly, women, differently abled, children and the homeless people in and around Chetpet area.

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#### CAREER GUIDANCE AND CARE PACKAGE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMME

#### **INTRODUCTION:**

Madras school of social work, PG Department alone with Guild of service was planned to conduct extension program for M.C.J girl's higher secondary school. the main motive of the program was to provide Career guidance among the school children's and also distribute the needed packages to the girls. The extension program coordinator Dr.Amuthalakshmi (Asst Prof) of Madras School Of Social Work. After had a discussion with Mrs. Uma (Executive Officer) of G.O.B. Coordinator came to knew the need of the school girls, and plan accordingly. Department planned to provide stationeries, mats and bedsheets for the students which is really needed one. At first, G.O.S gave the list of students. It was 41. Later they added two more students inthe list. So, total 43 students. Fund for the care packages was allotted by Dr. S.Raja Samuel, principal, Madras school of social work, and Dr.J.S. Gunavathi (Head of the Department). The allotted amount for the program was 16,940.

#### PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

**Date**: 19/03/2021

**Day**: Friday

**Timing**: 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Venue**: M.C.J Girls Higher, Secondary, school, Egmore, Chennai -08

**Topic**: "Career Guidance and Care Package Distribution Programme".

Coordinator: Dr.P. Amuthalakshmi

### **GUESTS**:

**Resource Person:** Prof.. Inian(Asst prof) of MSSW College.

Office Bearers: Mrs. Himani datar (Hon. secretary) of G.O.S Egmore.

**Committee Members**: Mrs. Malvika Padkar of Seva Samajan girl's home.

Mrs. Javanthi Sinagram of Seva Samajan girl's home

#### **ACTIVITES:**

The program was conducted on 19<sup>th</sup> march 2021(Friday) at **MCJ higher secondary** school, ground around 3:00 pm. Some students from MSSW college volunteering the program, arranging things and also for documenting pictures. The topic of the program was "Career Guidance and Care Distribution". The day started with the prayer. student from 1<sup>st</sup> year PG department came forward to comparing the program and since the topic was career guidance, the program started with some quotes.

"The beautiful thing about learning is that, no one can take away from you".

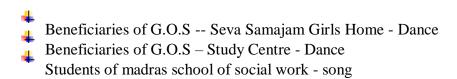
Welcome Address was delivered by Mrs. Himani Datar, Hon.Secretary, G.O.S.(Central), she introduced and welcomed the chief guest and other committeemembers, staffs and students.

**Introduction** was given by **Dr.Amuthalakshmi, Asst Prof, MSSW college**, gave small introduction about the program and what is the motive of this program.

**Special Address: Mr. Inian, Asst Prof, MSSW college**, gave brief section about important of education, career, work and also explained how to choose the right path. It wasvery interesting section; students were actively listening the section.

After the section ends, cultural events were conducted to cheer the students.

#### **EVENTS:**



It was one of the energetic performances given by the students to encourage the audience (school girls).

After the cultural events, care packages were distributed by the resource person, office bearers and committee members.

**CARE PACKAGES: No. of packages: 43** 

Stationary and other accessories was provided by MSSW college

Notes: Long size ruld, Long size unruled, short size unruled.Pens: 3-blue pens, 1-black pen, 1-gel ped
Pencil pouch: 1 Scale:
1-long size

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All the above-mentioned list was distributed to each student.

- **♣** Pedestal hand sanitizer: Total No. 2
- 1) For Seva samajam girl's home.
- 2) For study centre.

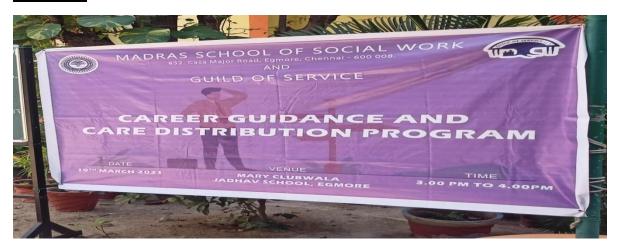
Finally, **vote of thanks** was given by **Mrs. Anuradha (head mistress)** of MCJ school, Chennai. After, the program and distribution were done. It was very pleasant speech given by Head Mistress, thanked each and every one who helped to organised the program. Refreshment was given to the students.

## **CONCLUSION:**

The program was great success, as planned before we could able to finished the program on time. Students were actively participated and encouraged everyone. Volunteers, office bearers, committee members and resource personsall cooperated very well to complete the program.

### **GLIMPSES:**

# **Banner:**







# Care package:



Career guidance session:

# Report on Awareness of COVID 19 Vaccination in Day Care Centre of Dignity Foundation

Date: 28th March 2021

Venue: Foreshore Estate

Dignity foundation is a community organization working for elders to promote and protect their dignity of the elders of all community. They are involved in various projects like elder empowerment, dementia day care center, Helpline and Counselling, Health Insurance, etc.,

Dignity foundation contacted P.G. Department of Social Work (Aided) for creating an awareness on the COVID 19 vaccination which is highly required topic for the current situation. The organization initially contacted Mr. Paul Solomon of MSW Batch 2019 – 2021 and the Social Work trainee redirected the organization to the department. The organization request the social work trainees to provide the awareness using puppetry as it is highly influential and powerful tool for communication. The department granted permission for the Social Work and provided them the puppetry kit and puppet dolls for the awareness program.

The programme was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021 in Mullima Nagar, Foreshore Estate at 3.00 pm in the afternoon. The Social Work trainees; Mr. Paul Solomon, Ms. Razia, Ms. Madhumita and Mr. Rohith went for the awareness programme. The Social Work trainees covered various details regarding the COVID 19 vaccination. They are

- 1. Difference between COVISHIELD and COVAXIN
- 2. The efficacy and safeness of the vaccine
- 3. Who can & cannot get vaccinated?
- 4. Registration for vaccination and the duration
- 5. Side effects of vaccinations and procedure to report the abnormalities
- 6. Course of action to followed before and after the vaccination
- 7. Contraindication of the vaccination
- 8. Importance of doctor consultation before vaccination

These were the aspects covered in the awareness programme. It was quite challenging for the Social Work trainees to deliver all these technical and scientific facts to the elders but the social work trainee worked on simplifying the facts which could be understandable for the elders and conveyed the awareness.

The participants enjoyed and also learnt lot of information about the COVID 19 Vaccination which they also voluntarily agreed to spread the awareness of COVID 19 Vaccination to their families and peers.

# **Picture of the Event**











