

# RESPONSE

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FROM THE CEO

# DEAR SUPPORTERS

AS WE MOVE TOWARDS A DIFFERENT WAY OF LIVING, THROUGH SOCIALLY DISTANCING, HOW WE ATTEND CHURCH AND BEING WITH OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, WE ARE THANKFUL HOW YOU HAVE CONTINUED TO SUPPORT US AND THE CHILDREN THROUGH SUCH DIFFICULT AND CHANGING TIMES.

In the coming pages you will see how our Partners and our whole team have been able to pivot quickly and provide food security to those that need it most. That has been because of your support.

Food security is key to ensure that those vulnerable children who have been returned home through government policy do not create an additional burden on their families and thus increase their risk of starvation, early childhood marriage and human trafficking.

We have also created regular welfare checks on children, through a variety of means to keep a regular eye on your child. Through our Partners we are coordinating this through collaborating with the school leadership teams, the church leaders, local government councils, police and

Partner phone calls as well as face to face interviews as food relief is picked up at check points and we thank all involved.

It is with this in mind, taking into consideration the worsening conditions in India, Bangladesh and Nepal and through consultation with our Partners, we have made the decision to extend food relief through until the end of the year.

Due to the uncertainty of the situation, we are unfortunately unable to provide children's mail with this newsletter. We are able to provide you with a personal update of your child's condition at home or school and we would encourage you to ring us at the office if you would like additional information.

We remain focussed on the challenge of returning children to school as it is safe to do so and will be launching a

Back to School fund to prepare both the schools, teachers and children to a better environment than they had when they return.

**WE THANK YOU SINCERELY  
AND ASK FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR  
OUR FAMILY FOOD FUND AND  
TO REMEMBER THE CHILDREN  
IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

Thank you,  
Paul Esau – CEO





# INDIA

CARRYING THE THIRD LARGEST COVID-19 INFECTION RATE IN THE WORLD, INDIA IS FACING INCREASINGLY CHALLENGING TIMES.



Despite this, our Partners have been outstanding in how they have managed to not just provide welfare and food relief to the children and their families but are also positioned to expand their relief support over the coming months to an additional 2,729 children and families.

Due to the geographical and remote distribution of our children who are either now at home or remain at schools combined with lock-downs and localised spread of the disease close to our schools much support has been done to ensure that hygiene materials as well as food have been distributed.

# BANGLADESH



**THE SITUATION IN BANGLADESH  
CONTINUES TO WORSEN AND COVID 19  
IS SPREADING RAPIDLY.**



**T**he challenges faced by our Partner has been enormous with the task of obtaining a regular food supply and then its safe distribution while lockdown still applies to the whole of Dhaka and much of the rest of the country. We are delighted to announce our Partner, BCSS has successfully completed relief family food fund parcel collection or financial relief transfers to those students who were too remotely located to collect their parcels and are in the process of planning to continue our relief measures for this quarter.

They have also managed to recommence and complete several building projects in our schools and within the communities where we have Projects including improvements to the Maisie Fook School such as the completion of new

security wall, electrical upgrades and the construction of a new playground. Admst this Covid-19 crisis, we have unfortunately lost a number of donors due to financial distress.

One such student who lost a donor was Nentu. Nentu is the oldest child in a family of four (two younger brothers who do not attend school

and a younger sister who does) with a single mum. He was very concerned to learn his sponsor could no longer continue to support him. He was scared and begged for help. Milton from BCCS asked Nentu to pray with him and to share passages of Scripture back and forth. As Milton was discussing this case, our Programs team was able to immediately identify a new sponsor for Nentu. We were all moved and happy to see the power of prayer and faith produce such an immediate (and rare) result for Nentu.

**WE ARE REMINDED OF  
THE PASSAGE, "CAST  
YOUR BURDEN ON THE  
LORD, AND HE SHALL  
SUSTAIN YOU; HE  
SHALL NEVER PERMIT  
THE RIGHTEOUS TO BE  
MOVED" (PSALM 55:22)**



# NEPAL



OUR THREE PARTNERS ARE SUCCESSFULLY PROVIDING FOOD RELIEF AND WELFARE CHECKS TO ALL CHILDREN WHICH HAS BEEN NO EASY FEAT.



**W**here it has proven difficult to give food packages directly due to lockdown restriction or remote locations we have been providing financial assistance so families can purchase food locally.

Aside from providing food relief and welfare checks we are also looking at ways we can improve infrastructure and use this time to provide improvements to our buildings. Our Partner COSAN is using the current COVID 19 lockdown period to complete the construction of two additional classrooms and the provision of fresh paint for existing rooms of their school in Kathmandu. The school, supporting students from Kindergarten through to Grade 10, is adding extensions to the existing infrastructure to accommodate Grades 11 and 12 ready for the next academic year. The extensions will allow for a larger library to be accommodated, and an improved space for the existing Kindergarten class.

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION AND COMMUNITIES

You can help us increase the quality of life of children that attend our Adventist schools by improving their school and families' circumstances. Your donations go to improving educational resources, establishing child clubs, raising child rights awareness, teacher training and livelihood training for parents so children and the wider community are benefitted.



## FAMILY FOOD FUND

For just \$40 per month you can help provide food security for a family of four. This will ensure that while our sponsored children remain at home, they (and their family) have enough food to eat.

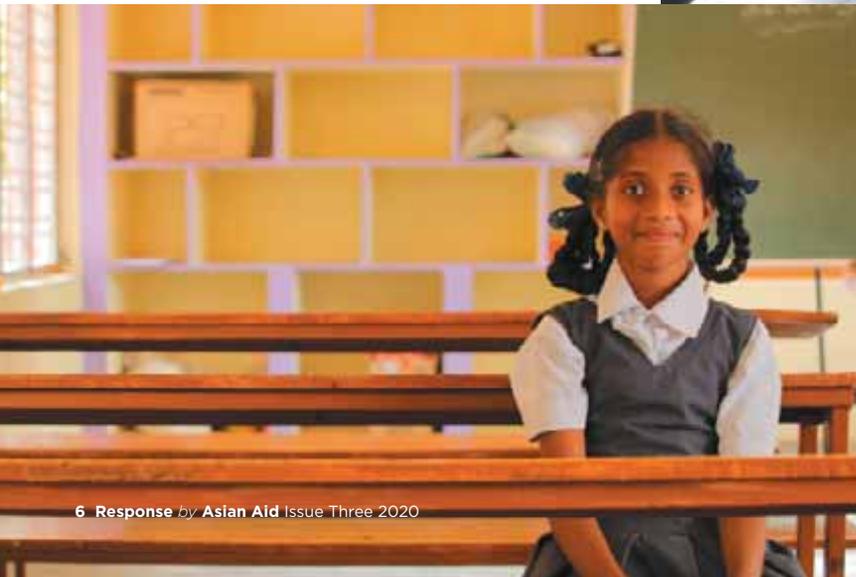
## SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOLS

Our Special Needs Schools help children who may otherwise miss the opportunity to be educated to receive the help they deserve and hope for their futures. You can help us provide life-changing programs for children to transition towards meaningful and independent living as adults with practical skills.



## BACK TO SCHOOL

As we begin to look at how we return children to school when it is safe to do so, we want to focus on how we can improve our school environments, increase teacher training and support materials. We would like to see students return to a better environment than they had when they left.



# CHILDREN

## LIVING IN SLUMS

Across India, families are displaced and are forced to move into slums, a dangerous and toxic environment, especially for children.

We need your help to run programs which give children food, keep them in school and give them role models to look up to. These programs help the community fight against trafficking and child labour, as well as provide tangible skills to women to allow them to make an independent income.



### MEET-THE-NEED

In these uncertain times, unforeseen needs are constantly arising, whether that be building renovations, new education programs to fight poverty, slavery and trafficking or new school resources or health assistance.

When you donate to our Meet-The-Need fund, you allow us to quickly assist our children, families and communities when they need it most. We know circumstances change quickly so thank you for helping us meet the most pressing needs.



#### I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT (Please write project name below)

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- A regular donation of \_\_\_\_\_ a month
- A one-off donation of \_\_\_\_\_
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#### I WILL GIVE MY DONATION BY

1. CHEQUE (Make payable to Asian Aid Organisation and post with this form)
2. FUNDS TRANSFER call us on (+61) 02 6586 4250 for banking details
3. CREDIT CARD

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