

REACHING OUT DURING COVID CRISIS

GJNRF's Response to the Pandemic



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The Gem & Jewellery National Relief Foundation (GJNRF) was among the early responders to the Covid-19 crisis which hit India in late March 2020.

As had been the case when similar crisis situations hit the nation in the past, GJNRF mobilised support from within the G&J industry and began immediate relief operations to help the worst affected cope with the new situation. Subsequently, GJNRF took up more long-term measures aimed at strengthening medical infrastructure to enable the country deal more effectively with such unexpected events in the future.

Both when distributing emergency rations during the lockdown and supporting frontline caregivers or later in strengthening medical infrastructure, GJNRF's response to the Covid crisis in 2020 and 2021 provided direct and indirect assistance to a very large number of people and helped them cope with the unprecedented onset of the pandemic.



Food packets for distribution to migrant labourers



Equipment donated to Diamond Hospital, Surat



Renovation of Wing at St George's Hospital, Mumbai



Distribution of Emergency Rations in Mumbai



Support to Covid Centre in Patan, Gujarat

To ensure maximum impact, all activity was undertaken in coordination with the Governments of Maharashtra and Gujarat, as well as local government authorities (District administration, panchayats and municipal bodies) and in association with charitable organisations and NGOs which worked at the grassroots level.

While it is almost impossible to accurately assess the impact in terms of actual number of people who benefited, GJNRF estimates that its activity during this period has directly helped a minimum of 10 lakhs of people during what was a critical point in their lives.



PHASE 1

April – Oct 2020

DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES FOR DAILY WAGE EARNERS, MIGRANTS AND FRONTLINE COVID WARRIORS

GJNRF organised mega relief campaign for migrant, daily wage earners and needy communities during the 2020 lockdown on account of Covid-19, while extending support to frontline workers.

The major focus was on food distribution and taking care of the artisans and migrant workers on the one hand, and equipping the frontline Covid warriors in hospitals and police station with safety kits and medical supplies to ensure their personal safety.



Foodgrains to industry artisans in Zaveri Bazar, Mumbai



DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD GRAINS / EMERGENCY RATIONS

April – August 2020

Beneficiary Community	Region/District	Material	Approx Popln Covered
Artisans and families, particularly daily wage earners	<i>Mumbai:</i> Dahisar, Malad and Zaveri Bazar <i>Gujarat:</i> Palanpur, Visnagar, Surendranagar, Botad, Surat	Ration Kits for between 1-2 months	~30,000 artisans Benefitting 1,50,000 people
Migrant workers	<i>Maharashtra:</i> Bandra, Kurla, Vasai, Virar railway stations and at Raigadh <i>Gujarat:</i> Surat railway station	Food and snacks Foodgrains – 50 tons in Raigadh	Nearly 1,50,000 migrant workers Large number of families in Raigadh
Small diamond traders	Mumbai – through Mumbai Diamond Merchant's Association (MDMA)	Financial Assistance	1,300 families
Frontline workers and 'Covid warriors'	Mumbai hospitals and BMC centres, Police Stations	Three meals a day	6,000 people for over 1 month
Needy persons in rural areas	Botad district, Gujarat	Food packets	Part of a coalition of 70+ NGOs that served a cumulative total of 1.85 million meals

PROVISION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT

April – August 2020

Beneficiary	Location	Material	Approx Popln Covered
Frontline workers and 'Covid warriors'	Various hospitals and Police stations across Mumbai and in Surat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40,000 masks • 25,000 goggles • 22,000 gloves • 25,000 PPE Kits • 21,000 diapers • 24,000 litres sanitizer • 960 Covid testing PCR Kits • 50 Pulse Oxymeters • 50 thermal temperature guns • 5 Face Mask Incinerators 	
Critically ill patients	Various hospitals across Mumbai and in Alibag, Surat, Dombivali	<p>Medical Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Dialysis machines • 10 Airvo portable ventilator HFNC machines • 20 High Flow Therapy Machines <p>Machines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLE 2000 Infant Ventilator • 3 Intellivue Monitors • Total Biochemistry Analyser 	
Immediate Covid care	BKC Quarantine Centre	400 beds	
Hospital Infrastructure	Mumbai and Surat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New IT wing at Nagpada Police Hospital • Wing with 5 special rooms at St. George's Hospital • 2 ambulances - to State Govt 108 service and to St George's Hospital, Mumbai • Equipment to Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital health records of 50,000+ personnel • Treatment of over 6,500 patients



PPE Kits for frontline Covid warriors



Ambulance donated to Surat Diamond association Hospital

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

Your support and help to residents of Chandrapur during the Covid pandemic with a truly good quality ambulance was of great help in shifting patients to hospitals and providing care and oxygen supply during transit.

Also, your help during 1st wave which was used to support poor families and migrant workers through Food Kits.

This is truly giving back to society, as GJNRF has demonstrated time and again whenever society needed in times of crisis.

Sudhir Mungantiwar
 MLA, Maharashtra



Your valuable donation has impacted approx. 1,48,544 beneficiaries till date from various backgrounds. Your support has gone a long way in providing timely relief to the frontline warriors, wage earners, hospitals, police force, migrants workers from various parts of Mumbai city.

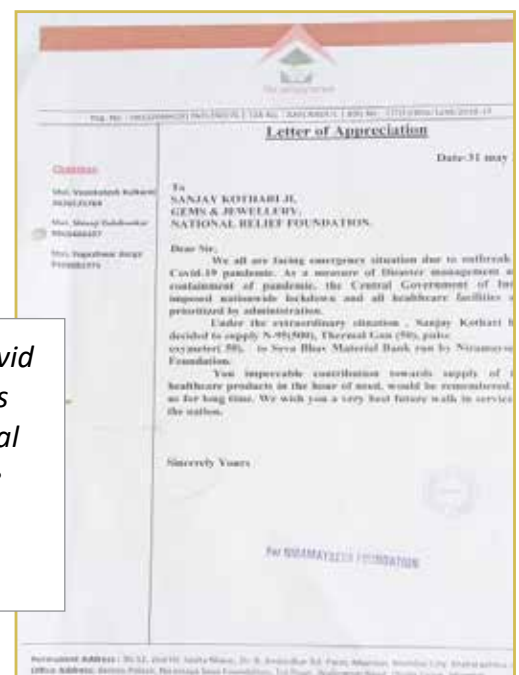
Thank you again, it made a real difference!

On behalf of our mission, we acknowledge your most significant contribution which enabled us to reach out to beneficiaries directly.

Dr Bijal Mehta
 Shree Rajchandra Love & Care

We were all facing an emergency situation due to the Covid pandemic. The supply of N-95 masks (500), Thermal Guns (50), Pulse Oximeters (50) by GJNRF to Seva Bhav Material Bank run by the Foundation in the hour of need would be remembered by us for a long time.

Nirmaya Seva Foundation, Mumbai



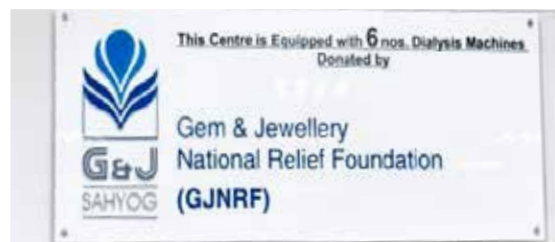
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March – May 2021

INTERVENTIONS PRIMARILY AIMED AT STRENGTHENING MEDICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

During the 2nd wave in 2021, the focus of GJNRF aid shifted with emphasis on ensuring that the health care institutions – quarantine centres as well as hospitals and rural health care centres – were properly equipped.

The need for strengthening medical infrastructure in both Maharashtra and Gujarat and ensuring that those patients who needed more intensive treatment received proper medical care was of primary importance.



Plaque at Cooper Hospital, Mumbai



Ventilators donated to a hospital in Mumbai

DONATIONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES / EQUIPMENT

March-May 2021

Beneficiary	Location	Material	Approx Popln Covered
Immediate Covid treatment	Mumbai: Dahisar & Malad	3 Oxygen concentrator machines	25,000 diamond cutters
	Mumbai: Palanpur Samaj Kendra	7 Oxygen concentrator machines	
	Mumbai: Catholic Gymkhana Covid Centre run by BMC	5 Oxygen concentrator machines	
	Gujarat: Banaskantha District	10 Ventilators and 150 Oxygen concentrators	Across 56 PHCs, CHCs and Hospitals
	Gujarat: Dharampur	Ventilators and 1 defibrillator	550+ patients
	Gujarat: Surendranagar	5 Oxygen concentrators	
	Mumbai and Gujarat	Quarantine Centres <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 80-bed in Vile Parle• 100-bed in Tardeo• 30-bed in Botad	Hundreds of patients without facility for home quarantine
	Mumbai (Apex Kidney Care Foundation)	PPE kits, masks, gloves and 2 Oxygen concentrator machines	
Hospital Infrastructure	Mumbai, Chandrapur and Surat	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• One ambulance in Chandrapur district, one to St Elizabeth's Hospital, Mumbai and one to Diamond Hospital, Surat• Refurshment of Trauma Care Centre at Nair Hospital, Mumbai	
Frontline Warriors	Mumbai and Surat	Food hampers to women police personnel	8,750 families
Families of deceased diamond workers	Surat	Financial aid to families where diamond artisans who passed away due to Covid were sole earning members	501 families

WORDS OF APPRECIATION

GJNRF Mumbai had provided 126 Oxygen Concentrators, 7 Ventilators & 40 Monitors at a very crucial stage of the Covid pandemic in 2021 to the District administration, Banaskantha. The contribution towards wellness of society, continuous service and exemplary contribution to mankind in this challenging time will be highly appreciated.

Anand Patel (IAS)
Collector & DM Banaskantha



Thank you to GJNRF for the thoughtful gift, by your organization, of an ambulance for the hospital. It has been a life saver for many of the people living around the hospital. Those requiring concessional / free use of the facility during the pandemic were not very many but we hope to increase this number as more people come out of the pandemic and start living near normal lives.

Sr. Sarla Macwan
Executive Director
St. Elizabeth's Hospital



We have 70,000 new patients a year, with over 60% treated completely free or at highly subsidized cost.

During Covid, oncology centres were unable to stop or postpone cancer therapies for a majority of patients... We appreciate your help during these times by providing three multi para monitors. We express our heartfelt gratitude to GJNRF.

Dr Shripad Banavali
Director, Academics
Tata Memorial Hospital





Vaccination Camp for Daily Wage Assorters at BDB

August – September 2021

VACCINATION DRIVE FOR DIAMOND ARTISANS AND DAILY WAGE ASSORTERS



Vaccination Camp for Diamond Artisans



Vaccination centre in Dahisar

Soon after the mega Vaccination drive began in India, GJNRF stepped forward to make it possible for diamond artisans and daily wage assorters across the city of Mumbai to receive their doses.

Two centres were identified - within the Bharat Diamond Bourse where a large number of daily wage assorters congregate, and in Dahisar, in the western suburbs of the city, where a number of cutting and polishing units servicing the domestic jewellery industry are located.

The drives were carried out by Apollo Hospitals and organised in coordination with the Bharat Diamond Bourse, Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council and the Borivali Diamond Cutters Polishing Association.

World Federation of Diamond Bourses (WFDB) raised funds from its members conducting a 'Diamond Aid' campaign to support the drive.

Sanjay Kothari, Chairman, GJNRF, said, "This initiative is a combined effort of the whole diamond industry as WFDB is a global organisation that covers all diamantaires of the world."

Nearly 10,000 vaccinations were given during the campaign.



PHASE 3

October 2021 onwards...

REDEPLOYING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR LONG-TERM USE

GJNRF's intervention has not ended with the pandemic now coming more under control and the number of severely affected patients dropping significantly.

In each and every case, use of equipment was monitored and once the crisis subsided and certain machines were no longer needed at particular locations, the same are being retrieved and handed over to other organisations for long term use.

For eg. The beds and remaining stocks of medical supplies given to the Tardeo Quarantine centre were subsequently passed on to two Anath Ashrams in Vasai, near Mumbai.



Ventilators at Cooper Hospital, Mumbai

Similarly, three Wipro GE ventilators from smaller PHCs and CHCs in Banaskantha were donated to Mavjat Multispecialty Hospital in Palanpur, a 107-bedded charitable hospital under the Chunilal Mangalji Choksi Charitable Trust that provides quality healthcare services to the underprivileged at affordable rates.

CASE STUDY

Covid Quarantine Centre, Tardeo, Mumbai

"The joint humanitarian project that ran during the pandemic was a great experience in collaboration and teamwork. Thanks to GJNRF who always worked hand in hand with other voluntary organisations."

Nitin Vora

Convener, Shree Mumbai Jain Sangh Sangathan

As the 2nd wave of the Covid pandemic spread through India, a number of Jain organisations such as Jain International Trade Organisation (JITO), Shree Mumbai Jain Sangh Sangathan, Sri Navjivan Jain Sangh and others set up a 50-bedded centre at Tardeo Municipal School premises in Mumbai.

It was a joint effort run under the Jivan Jyot Drug Bank, assisted by volunteers of the above organisations with GJNRF providing the principal financial support.

The centre ran 24x7 from May 1 to June 20, 2022. Medical care was provided by three specialist doctors, who had earlier handled large numbers of Covid patients at Saifee Hospital, assisted by two teams of nurses and wardboys, and a specialized cleaning and sanitation agency.

On most days the centre was filled to capacity (50 beds) with Covid patients in quarantine, and during the month at least 150 persons had to be advanced care and treatment.

After the wave peaked and then subsided, the beds and the remaining useful stocks of medical supplies were donated to two Anath Ashrams (orphanages) in Vasai, near Mumbai.



Covid Care Centre, Tardeo, Mumbai