

# COVID-19 WEEKLY REPORT

## WEEK 7

### IMPACT NUMBERS

<b>WEEK 7</b>	
<b>Content</b>	<b>Impact Numbers</b>
Total Calls	5
Total Messages	0
Total Dry Food kits distributed	0
SHG Support Families (Covid19 awareness)	100
Total mask production	43
Employment through IVillage	200
Quarantine @PPES Quarantine centre	3

<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	
<b>Content</b>	<b>No</b>
Total Calls	4415
Total Messages	116936
Total Dry Food kits distributed	1100
SHG Support Families (Covid19 awareness)	1775
Total mask production	178,126
Employment through IVillage	200
Quarantine @PPES Quarantine centre	297

Our COVID relief work spans across 120 villages and a population of 1,50,000 with ration kits being distributed twice a month and now we have started active assessment of on ground situation by doing telephonic surveys with our 1600 students from 5th class onwards and with all the SHGs associated with us. We have also distributed around 1000 face masks in the affected areas.

We at Pardada Pardadi are now planning for the next phase of development in COVID 19 relief work, that is rehabilitation of those who have been affected and we are building up a fund that will help those families re-establish themselves back on their feet.

## Destiny is not predetermined



***“Some succeed because they are destined to, but most succeed because they are determined.”– Henry Van Dyke***

The story of Radha is probably an epitome of the thought that destiny is not predetermined and with sheer determination one can attain anything in life.

Radha is one of the oldest alumni of PPES. She belongs to a joint family from Malakpur village of Anupshahar. Life has been really hard for her from the beginning. Ever since her father passed away, her mother takes care of the house and also earns a living by farming. She has three brothers and one sister. Her sister is married and the eldest brother works as a labourer in Gurgaon. The youngest one stays at home to help her mother and the middle one lives with her in Bangalore. He is pursuing a “Learn and Earn” program from the same institute from where she did her diploma. She joined Pardada Pardadi in 2007 when she was in class 3 and in 2012 she completed her studies and went to Bangalore to pursue a 3 years diploma course in Computer Science.

She strongly believes that challenges are part and parcel of life and the individual alone has to overcome them. She says that these challenges help one to grow holistically. She shares with us some of the challenges she faced and still faces.

“When I came to Bangalore, I faced many challenges. Since I was from the Art stream, I had difficulty in learning new subjects that mostly included Physics and Maths concepts. I used to take more time than my

classmates to cover the syllabus. I also faced difficulty in making friends since many of them were from south India and there was a language and cultural barrier. Since I was an introvert and lacked communication skills, it was difficult for me to even ask questions from teachers. Gradually, I learned to accept my weaknesses and work on them. I made new friends, worked on my communication skills, and put extra effort into my studies. The School and the teachers helped and guided me in my overall personality development.

She completed her diploma in June 2016. However, at the time of the interview she was not selected but she did not lose hope and worked hard to improve her academics as well as her communication skills, and finally, in August 2016, with the help of Pardada Pardadi, she got a job at Thomson Reuters as System Administrator. After two years of dedication and hard work, she was promoted to Senior HR Associate. She worked in Thomson Reuters for 4 years. And now she is working in Ernst and Young (E&Y) in Bangalore as a System Associate.

She often recalls her moments in the school and college. She believes that without the support and trust of her mother she could not have reached so far, who never let her compromise on her studies. She feels proud that she is now an independent woman who can make her own decisions and support her family financially. She is also planning to build a new home for her family.

### **She has become an inspiration to the people of her Community.**

Working from home due to the pandemic and its ensuring lockdown is a difficult situation for her due to the improper infrastructure but despite of it she manages to work from home and is also doing free online courses to improve her communication skills during her free time.

Apart from all this, she is also teaching her brother to cook as she thinks that it is not a gender-based work and he should also help her in the household chores. This understanding of equality between men and women is something that she wishes to propagate among all the women in her village.

Last but not the least, as a gesture of gratitude to Pardada Pardadi, **She plans to support one girl education by paying for her school fee and make her financially independent that will help her achieve what she was able to achieve.**

For Radha, it is about paying her gratitude and giving back to the PPES community

Radha says that she is very thankful to Pardada Pardadi for their support. They have guided her in every step. It is because of them that she has become an independent woman.

She is thankful to the PPES team for giving her this opportunity to share her experience.