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**Respected and dear Miss Elisa Gioè,**

**Sub.: Forwarding the interim report for the financial assistance  
received for the project: Emergency Relief to the Poor affected  
by Coronavirus in the missionary diocese of Kumbakonam, Tamil  
Nadu, India - regarding**

Greetings and best wishes to you from Rev. Dr. Kulanthaisamy Kaspar, Project Secretary, Diocese of Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu, South India! I wish and pray that these few lines find you in good health during this time Corona Pandemic. We offer our prayers for you and all the people in your beloved country.

We cannot forget your timely assistance that is worth comparing. From the time the Indian Government imposed Lockdown for 21 days starting from (midnight) 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020 till today most of the poor and vulnerable people are terribly affected by Coronavirus Pandemic; then the Lockdown was extended until 3 May 2020; then again extended for the third time until 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and for the fourth time the Lockdown was extended until 31st May 2020, with a few relaxations. For the fifth time till the end of July the Lockdown has been

extended. How long? No one knows. Except Government employers all the others are very much affected due to the pandemic. Thanks to your financial aid we could help those people with sanitizers, masks and food materials.

Among the 93 parishes in our diocese we selected deserving mission parishes and with the help Rev. Fr. T. Xavier, and Fr. B. Robert, Directors of two Social Service Societies we could identify the most deserving families who are really in need of your financial assistance. With the help of Parish Priests, Rev. Sisters and a few volunteers we could provide them immediately with food materials such as masks and sanitizers, rice, oil, chili powder, salt, sugar, etc. We remain always grateful to you and the donors for the valuable and timely financial assistance with which we could extend our helping hand to them. The photos of those beneficiaries are enclosed herewith. The beneficiaries were given the following items. Each package costs **INR 750**.

S. No	Particulars	Value
1	Rice	5kg
2	Green Gram	500 Gram
3	Split Peas	1 kg
4	Oil	1 liter
5	Coriander Powder	100 gram
6	Turmeric Powder	50 gram
7	Sambar Powder (Curry)	100 gram
8	Chilly Powder	100 gram
9	Mustard Seed	100 gram
10	Garlic	300 gram
11	Tamarind	250 gram
12	Sugar	500 gram
13	Tea Powder	100 gram
14	Face	masks No. 4
15	Sanitizers	1



The beneficiaries of the following parishes benefitted from your financial assistance:

### **1. The Parish of Thuraiyur**

Rev. Fr. S Augustine, the Parish Priest of the Church Sts. Peter and Paul selected a few most deserving families who were in dire need of financial assistance and gathered them in the church premise. Five students from the parish of Thuraiyur are being helped by you for their studies. These people are living in utter poverty. The photos of those beneficiaries are enclosed hereby.

### **2. The Parish of Gunamangalam**

Gunamangalam is neither a parish nor a quasi parish but a Priest from the Congregation of Herald of Good News (India Origin) is residing there. It is one of the substations of the Parish of Ariyalur. A few Catholic families are living in the area most of whom are really poor people. Though they are poor, they are very cooperative to the Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. G. Preeth Kumar, who is really putting his heart and soul to help these people. From this place four students are getting your financial assistance for their studies. Really these people deserve your help. I am enclosing the photos of the beneficiaries herewith.

### **3. The Parish of Papanasam**

Rev. Fr. A. Francis is the Parish Priest of St. Sebastian's Church, Papanasam in the missionary diocese of Kumbakonam. The Parish Priest together with Rev. Fr. B. Robert, Director of Kumbakonam Multipurpose Social Service Society distributed the materials to the beneficiaries. It is important to note that ten students from this Parish are getting your financial assistance for their studies. I am happy to enclose herewith the photos of the beneficiaries.

#### **4. The Parish of Naduvalur**

The Parish of Naduvalur is a dry area and people of this place depend very much on the monsoon for cultivation. A few years back this village was a neglected area. Thanks to the efforts of Rev. Fr. M. A. Thanaraj who could upgrade the local middle school into high school. The hard work and efforts His successor brought him success and victories to the local school. Now the school is again upgraded into Higher Secondary School which has brought attraction to this village. Many students in and around this village are benefitting a lot from this school. Two Priests are doing their ministry: one in the parish and the other in the school as Headmaster. Rev. Sisters from the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart St. Mary, Pondicherry are rendering their pastoral and school ministry. Five of the poor students from this village are being helped by for their studies. The parish priest, the Headmaster and Rev. Sisters of this parish distributed the materials to the beneficiaries. The photos of those people are hereby attached.

#### **5. The Parish of Guanella Nagar**

Rev. Fr. A. John Bosco is the Parish Priest of this parish. Though Guanella Nagar is part of Kumbakonam, the life-style of the people living here resembles the life-style of those living in villages. Recently it was made a separate parish and the Fathers of Quanellians, an Italian Congregation were kind enough to take their ministry in this new parish. Seven Students in and around Guanella Nagar and Kumbakonam are being helped by your kind favour of financial assistance for their studies. Rev. Fr. A. John Bosco identified the most deserving families who received the materials at this hour of Coronavirus Pandemic. The photos of the beneficiaries are herewith enclosed.

With much difficulty all the parish priests together with the help of their respective director of Social Service Society identified the poor families and did the charitable work. As we are strictly warned to observe social distance, the



directors of two social service societies got special permission from the Government to distribute the materials in the Church premises.

The Lockdown still continues. Let us continue to pray for one another. Once again in the name of the Bishop and the whole diocese let me express my deep sentiments of gratitude for your financial assistance towards the most vulnerable people. We are still working on the project. Once the project is over, I assure you that we will send you the final report along with the statement of accounts for the financial assistance received from you.

Thanking you and requesting your prayers for all of us,

Yours sincerely in Christ,



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