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Report for Covid Response Activities to FOB

We are greeting from Myanmar!

We thank God for giving me a blessed chance to work with Friends of Burma from USA who are always showing their love, passion and concern to our people especially when we are in time of crisis. We are very grateful for your generous support to the protection activities for Covid19.

We received FOB's Grant 7850000 kyats from FOB on July 23, 2021 through Dr. Fom Men.

According to our proposal, we have to finish our activities on September 17th, 2021 and now we are in 7th weeks on activities. As we are approaching to the finishing part, I would like to report on all of our activities on protection of Covid19.

1. Making and Deliver Mask-clothes

We have started sewing process as the first activity because it takes time more than other activities. For this first activity we have to organize sewing women from 4 centers, Zoe Development Center, Hope Vocational Skill Training Center, Sharon Domestic Workers Care Center and Hlaing Thar Yar Female Migrant Workers Care Center. We also organize some of our Self Help Groups who have capability to join us. Two senior tailors from Zoe Center discuss on suitable mask design which is the best one to be effective protection for Covid19 virus.

After they get the proper design, they give instruction to these selected women and provide them a set of cutting sample for mask. Then we buy all raw materials which we need to use for sewing masks and send to the sewing women. We all decide that we will pay for 100 Kyats for each finished mask. Actually the regular cost for making each finished mask is 300 Kyats but our women contribute their time and skill for Covid 19 protection activities as much as they can. We finish 8000 masks and we can deliver all masks to some rural areas and also to some squatter at urban area. By the grace of God we can send to some Nargis affected villages at Delta areas.

1. Zoe development Center Women Group



2.Hope Vocational skill Training Center



3. Sharon Domestic Helpers Care Center



4.Female Migrant Workers care center Care Center



4. Self Help Women Group



Some activities on Masks



2. Cooperation with Yangon Home Mission Churches Association by contribution of Oxygen Cylinders

Although we don't include expense for contribution of Oxygen Cylinder in our original proposed budget, the urgent situation requests us to contribute it. As the Covid 19 patients are increasing in number, the urgent need for Oxygen are demanding too. It makes a rush for our main Association which does not have enough Oxygen Cylinder to all patients who urgently need the Oxygen. Thus we have to discuss and adjust our budget from the other activities for this urgent need. So we can provide to our main organization with one 50 liter Oxygen Cylinder with full Oxygen which cost 1200000Kyats and one 40 Liter Oxygen Cylinder without Oxygen which cost 750000Kyats. We realize that at that time the cost of Oxygen is very high but our urgent demanding are also high. So we have to give our priority to save the precious life of people.

The main organization is very thankful for FOB's contribution because they can save many lives with this Oxygen. Now the virus is spreading around the rural areas and so we have to send some Oxygen Cylinders to the villages. Our Covid19 response women group has decided to deliver 8000 masks and adjust some amount from the budget of hand sanitizer to contribute for 2 Oxygen Cylinders which total cost 1950000Kyats.



3. Hand Sanitizer

In our proposal we plan to work with resource persons who can make hand sanitizer. By the grace of God we consult with a hand sanitizer company which can provide their products with discount price and people know that their brand is recommended as products of good quality. At that time the resource person who can make hand sanitizer replies us that to buy the raw materials for hand sanitizer in that time is very difficult to find it and he also has worry for virus infection. So our group has decided that we do not make it by ourselves but to buy the finished products from a company.

Thus our group makes confirmation with the company to buy the products called Hypa Bacterial Killer. (Alcohol Hand Gel). We buy (500ml) 1000 bottle and (100ml) 500 bottle. Now we have already distributed 1500 bottles of hand sanitizer bottles to some of the rural areas, squatter areas and urban areas.



4. Nutrition Foods

According to our proposal we have planned to deliver only fresh cow milk and eggs but with the support from our Self Help Groups, we can distribute fresh vegetables, fruits and steamed beans to the sick, senior adults, children and families.

Fruits like Lemons, Guavas, Pomelos and Limes are products from our Eve Farm Self Help Group and variety of vegetables and milk are from other buy and sell self- help groups. Only eggs, we buy from my friends' farm and we get the price is cheaper than other. When other try to raise the price of eggs, we get the cheaper price than other people. Thus we can buy more eggs to deliver more needy people. We can share the foods to the people more than 500 households.







Conclusion

We still have to finish 1000 masks which are in finishing process. The rest of 1000 masks will be delivered to the villages in next week. The other two activities are finished well and we have received people appreciation and thank you letters. During these period our women group members are very busy, tired but they all participate in all activities with happy and actively. The people are enjoying with smiling, laughing and thanking to YKBWA and FOB especially for the poor people, non- believers who are living in Squatter areas.

We do believe that FOB's member will feel the happiness of people in time of crisis. We pray thee that may the Lord will continue to bless you all with His wonderful blessing. Be happy, healthy and strong in His service.

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