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ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2020-2021

Introduction

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation is a non-profit, charitable, & Social service platform which has been working tirelessly since the foundation was first established in 2015. Every year the foundation sets up some goals and does strategic planning to achieve that by the end of the financial year. As the foundation focuses on different areas such as Education, Medical & Health Care, Empowerment, Environment and Disaster Management, team leaders are appointed to supervise and coordinate different teams and departments. The foundation assigns duties and responsibilities to different departments so that all the activities of the foundation are well organized and systematic. The foundation has a well dedicated official board and advisory board to manage and guide the proper functioning of the NGO.

All the official documents, activity reports and financial statements are presented before the house during the annual general meeting every financial year for the transparency and knowledge of the members of the foundation.

The goals for the session 2020-2021 was to focus primarily on Health and Disaster management and Relief Services as the end of 2019 introduced us with a new enemy against Humanity. Since the start of the pandemic, the foundation has been preparing and raising funds for its relief activities. As soon as the lockdown was imposed in the month of March 2020, the foundation started with its relief activities through its Disaster Management Cell. Though it was a challenging task to assume anything about the unforeseen situation and estimate anything about the seriousness and gravity of the upcoming threat. Despite all the uncertainty, VWF went ahead with a well-defined plan of action for the session 2020-21.

1. Covid-19 Relief Services

A) Battle against Covid-19 2020:

Covid-19 came as a sudden disturbance to the peace of humankind. It shattered the economic condition of the most developed countries of the world. As a developing country, India always had to face major challenges related to healthcare facilities, fight hunger and unemployment and with the pandemic its burden has increased even more with the increasing cases of Covid-19 and the situation was laden with the burden of sufferings and deaths.

But amidst the Chaos and war against the virus the volunteers of VWF didn't give up. As the war and the struggle against Covid-19 continued VWF kept alive the values of kindness, empathy and humanity as they believed it is only hope and a weapon which can certainly aid us to win this war.

As an NGO - VWF was determined that it was its foremost duty to help the needy people in every possible manner and the foundation successfully did a commendable job as the frontline workers.

Nagaland being one of the North eastern states of India was also severely impacted by the sudden imposition of the lockdown in the country.

Since 2020, the lockdown has been imposed every now and then to stop the spread of the virus. Many people lost their jobs and many suffered on the streets with no help and support.

In such a scenario, Vivekananda Welfare Foundation- a Nagaland based NGO provided selfless service to the people who were suffering immensely due to the pandemic in all its humble capacity.

The NGO started working as frontline workers right after the first announcement of lockdown in the state from March ,2020 onwards. The foundation began by providing 3 times cooked meals to the stranded and needy people on the streets for a month.

Further, the foundation took the initiative to spread awareness campaigns related to the Covid-19 virus and safety precautions. Then the foundation also took the responsibility to feed the people who were economically impacted due to the lockdown for a period of three (3) months. They provided all the necessary essentials including dry rations, medicines, masks, sanitizers, gloves, vegetables and fruits to almost 22 villages and colonies which amounted to 2000 families around the city of Dimapur. The foundation incurred the expenditures from its disaster management relief fund for the same.

It was indeed a miraculous and amazing act which could be accomplished by the foundation. It really proved that even a small NGO with humble contributions from the people can impact the lives of so many people. The foundation could set up an example for many in the similar field that "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone." The foundation is even more determined to work in a more organised and efficient manner and benefit as many people as possible in the near future. The foundation spent a total amount of Rs. 3,88,000 for the Covid-19 relief service for the financial year 2020 -2021.









2. Educational Aid

Education is one of the major areas which the foundation prioritizes as one of its most important areas of functioning. The foundation has been working to provide educational aids to the needy and meritorious students since its inception.

Every year the foundation organises educational seminars to educate the masses about the importance of education in one's life. The foundation also arranges felicitation ceremonies for meritorious students to encourage the successful candidates and also to uplift the morale and boost the spirit of the students. The motive behind such initiatives is to spread the message on the importance of education among young individuals.

Every year the foundation provides scholarships to needy and meritorious students. Moreover, at least 20 girl children are adopted every academic year and all their educational expenditures are sponsored by the funds directed towards education from its annual budget. This particular initiative is to educate and motivate the parents to educate their daughters and to give wings to the little daughters of the country. A minimum expenditure of Rs. 1,95,000 approximately is devoted towards educational aid from the foundation's annual funds.





3. Medical Aid

Medical Aid and health support are another pivotal sphere where the foundation pays major attention.

It is rightly said that the health of the citizens of a country determines its development and the foundation leaves no stones unturned to provide its service towards the health care of the needy and financially weaker section of the society who can't afford basic health care for themselves.

Every year the foundation dedicates a good amount of its funds towards providing medical assistance to the needy patients. The foundation instantly tries its best to provide help and support to the patients with serious ailments which includes major surgeries, cancer treatment etc. whosoever approaches the foundation for financial assistance.

The foundation has a dedicated medical team with a medical coordinator who supervises and handles every case with due gravity which the foundation receives and provides immediate assistance and attention to the needs of the patients. In 2020 as well, the foundation spent Rs. 2,56,000 as medical assistance from its funds for serving the needy patients.



4. Blood Donation Drive throughout the year

Blood donation is one of the most crucial initiatives of the foundation which it carries out very gravely all around the year.

The foundation has a dedicated team of volunteers who solely supervise this particular initiative. Whenever, there is need of blood in cases of emergency the foundation quickly responds and immediately arranges respective donors. The foundation also maintains detailed records of blood groups of its members so that help can be immediately provided to patients in need.

The foundation aims to encourage a minimum of 150 donors in a year and motivate more people to come forward and donate blood.

The foundation also conducts awareness campaigns at regular intervals to spread awareness about the importance and need of blood donation. Through its social media platforms, the foundation also strives to fight against the fear and stigma related to blood donation and cheer up more donors.

The foundation also organises blood donation camps with the help of the professional doctors and nurses to uplift the spirit of the donors and cultivate the habit of blood donation.

Every year the foundation dedicates an approximate amount of Rs. 41,000 for such initiatives. The foundation is all set and organised to continue with such initiatives in days to come as well.





5. International Yoga Day

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation always gives importance to the health of the citizens. Time and again, the foundation take the initiative to encourage the masses to stay healthy. Research says the science of Ayurveda and the practice of yoga has a very positive impact on mental and physical health of the individuals and has a future scope for research and development to cure even serious health ailments.

The foundation always propagates the idea of adopting a healthy lifestyle and preventing the illness even before its occurrence. So, in order to educate the masses about the importance of a healthy lifestyle the foundation participates in fitness and health campaigns and organises mass yoga sessions for the citizens every year.

On 21st June 2020, even though the country was in lockdown because of the pandemic, the volunteers of VWF organised an online yoga campaign with the theme " Yoga for Health- yoga at home to educate the people about the importance of healthy living and spread positivity on the occasion of International Yoga Day. The foundation spends a minimum of Rs. 10,000 for such initiatives from its funds every year.





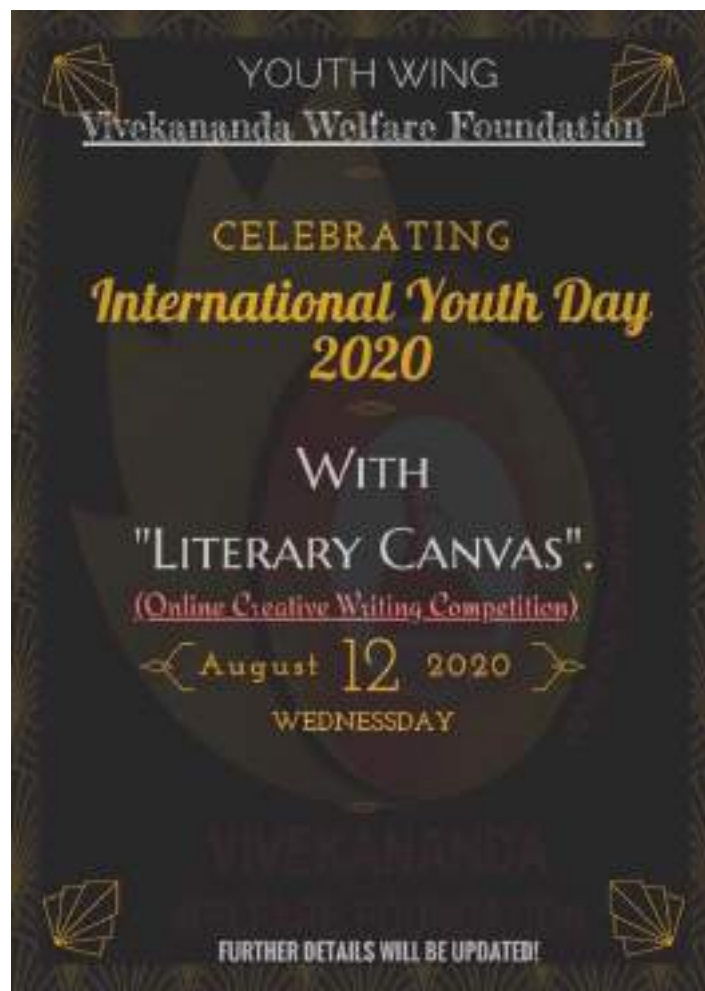


6. International Youth Day (Literary Canvas 2020)

When the world was hit by the sudden outbreak of the virus. And India was bound to be within the four walls due to the sudden imposition of the lockdown. The country was not only suffering from an unknown sickness but many young minds were also dealing with trauma, depression, anxiety, closure of educational institutions and loss of employment opportunities.

During such monotonous times, the foundation came up with a wonderful thought to cheer the youths on the occasion of International Youth Day (12 August, 2020) and provided them with a platform to showcase their creativity through online literary activities.

The foundation received a huge response and participants from all around the country. Expert judges from literary backgrounds were arranged from different parts of the country to maintain the quality of the competition and unbiased judgement. All the respective participants were provided with E- Certificates and later the winners were also presented with cash prizes. Such initiatives are taken by the foundation every now and then to uplift the spirit of positivity among the youths. The foundation made an expenditure of Rs. 20,000 for this particular initiative from the annual budget of 2020.





7. Felicitation of Covid Warriors 2020

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation in association with the Nagaland NGOs Forum (NNF) organised a programme titled “Brave Front Accolade” to recognize, appreciate and acknowledge the front-line workers on July 12 (Sunday), 2020 at DBIDL Hall, Don Bosco campus, Dimapur along with the Official Launching Tribute Song of our official Member, Mr. Arijit Sharma, for the Covid Warriors all over the world on behalf of the VWF team...

The organizers acknowledged and felicitated the District administration, Police, DMC, Media, Civil Societies, different Samaj and individuals.

This humble initiative was taken on the part of the foundation to express gratitude to the selfless and tireless services provided by all the frontline workers during the pandemic. The foundation is ever ready to take up such initiatives which can spread positivity, love and unity among the people even in the hardest of the times. The foundation spent a number of Rs. 45,000 approximately from its behalf to organise this particular program for the frontline workers.











8. Independence Day Service (15th August, 2020)

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation (VWF) joined the rest of the nation on 15th August 2020 to celebrate India's 74th Independence Day by distributing food packets to the homeless who are termed as Living Narayana.

Amidst the shadow of COVID-19 pandemic, the food distribution was done keeping in mind all precautions for safety and following the SOPs.

Independence Day was celebrated by hoisting the flag at the office premises of VWF at DMC building. And further the celebration continues by moving and riding around the city holding the National Flag in hand and singing the patriotic numbers.

The celebration ended by distributing the food packets with water bottles to those needy people sitting at the roadside with a greeting message to them and with a hope and prayer that this pandemic will soon get over. The foundation always works to motivate the citizens to stay united and fight against the difficulties together by supporting each other. The foundation spent a number of Rs. 15,400 to feed the homeless on the occasion of Independence Day.









9. Children Day Service (14th Nov, 2020)

It is said, "There is no garden as beautiful as childhood". So, the foundation always works towards making childhood better. A day marking childhood was celebrated by Vivekananda Welfare Foundation with fun and fervor at Ebenezer orphanage home, Indisen village, Tong Tai kiong, Dimapur, on 14th November, 2020.

As this day is also the birthday of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first prime minister of India, the foundation celebrates it as a tribute to him. On this day, the volunteers of the foundation focus on making the children aware about their rights, freedom of speech and expression and talk about the importance of education. The foundation also distributed cooked food, provided essentials, educational resources, toys and gifts for the kids at the orphanage. Every year the foundation makes a point to visit orphanages and spend some time with the children so that they can feel loved and pampered. The foundation made an expenditure of Rs. 27,700 for the children to provide them with all the necessities from its annual budget of 2020.







10. Official Annual General Meeting (Nov, 2020)

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation on Sunday, Nov 2020, conducted its 3rd Annual General Meeting at Orchid Conference Hall, Hotel Saramati, Dimapur which also marked the dissolution of the old executive team and declaration of new board members and sub-executive committee which will affect from financial year 2021.

The meeting saw the presentation of the past three years' activities report to the members, also discussed its future prospects and taking it into the other parts of the country, thereby, giving it the recognition of a national level NGO and to create more branches of Vivekananda Welfare Foundation across the country. The meeting also included the discussion of the future projects of VWF for the upcoming period (2021-23). The new committee will be functioning w.e.f. July 2021. The foundation spent an amount of Rs. 60,000 to organise and conduct the annual general meeting 2020.

The foundation came into existence in the year 2015, it only got the legal recognition in 2017, and since its inception the foundation has been doing many activities that reflect the ideals of Swami Vivekananda. The foundation conducts such meetings every year to include the opinions and views of all its members. In Such meetings, everyone including the women and the youth representatives gets an opportunity to express their ideas which in turn helps to strengthen the foundation. Such meetings are a platform where all the works of the foundation are presented before its members to motivate them to work even more dedicatedly. All the future initiatives, projects and goals are discussed and set for the upcoming years.









11. Disaster Management (Relief Services for Fire Victims) 2020

Since its inception Vivekananda Welfare Foundation has dedicatedly worked towards disaster management. The foundation always steps forward to provide relief and support services during any unfortunate man - made or natural disaster.

Fire mishaps is one such unfortunate incident which often occurs due to bad weather and human errors. The Disaster Management Team of VWF is always prepared to help during any such occurrence. Every year the foundation assigns a dedicated amount of funds towards the relief services of fire victims out of its Annual General Budget to mitigate the effects of such incidents as these incidents are very frequent in the city as in most of the areas the houses are closely built.

In the year 2020 as well, the foundation has done its part and took the initiative to spread awareness through its social media platforms by issuing preventive measures to avoid such catastrophe. The foundation has also spent a number of Rs. 1,36,000 to provide essentials, blankets and roofing sheets to the victims of the fire mishaps in different areas of the city all throughout the year whenever such lamentable incidents took place in the same year.







12. Youth Meetings and Discussion sessions (2020)

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation arranges Youth discussions, training and motivational sessions on a regular basis every year.

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation always gives priority to the youth involvement in charitable activities for social welfare. So, the foundation gives due importance to the youth meetings and seminars and organises the same at regular intervals all throughout the year.

The motive of such meetings is mainly to introduce the newly elected Youth Coordinators with all the youth members and to discuss the upcoming Youth programs. These discussion sessions are often conducted to include the opinions and ideas of the young minds. Also, to educate them about the importance of leadership and their role in initiating the services for the welfare of the society.

Such discussions also help the youth to interact among themselves and the youth leaders. In meetings like this, major decisions about the upcoming projects and activities of the foundation are contemplated and determined. All these discussions empower the youth and cultivate the quality of leadership and responsibility in them. Such discussions also educate the young people on various issues of their interest. The foundation made a total expenditure of Rs. 6,000 on different youth meetings, educational seminars and discussion sessions on various topics during the 2020 session.







13. Christmas day Service (Dec, 2020)

Vivekananda welfare Foundation celebrated Christmas Eve at Thahekhu village Baptist Church, Dimapur Nagaland on 24th December 2020.

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation is strictly a secular organization which focuses on social service and firmly believes just as different streams coming from various sources ultimately flow into one ocean, so do the many religions of the world, emerging from innumerable sources, at long last mingle in the great ocean of love.

The foundation is based on Swami Vivekananda's ideals whose teachings says : "Let man-making be the goal of our lives! Let us make this our only spiritual discipline! Away with vain learning! Let not the glamour of the world captivate our minds even for a moment! Realization of God is the one and only thing in life!"

With this belief of oneness, the foundation organised a prayer service for the people to overcome the difficult situation of the pandemic.

During the Christmas Day Service, the volunteers after the prayer meeting went around the town singing carols and distributing food and gifts for the needy people living on the streets. The celebration and the charitable activities were organised following all the SOPs and guidelines of the government to encourage the suffering and the poor in the difficult time of the pandemic. The foundation spent Rs. 25,500 out of its annual budget to organise the Christmas Day Service and to support the needy and helpless. Each year the foundation observes such occasions and does charitable activities to preach the message of love, peace, hope and kindness among the people.









14. Philanthropic Activities on the eve of New Year 2021

During the great hour of need on the eve of New Year 2021, Vivekananda Welfare Foundation has stepped forward to provide relief by providing food packets, water and blankets to the needy and homeless by adhering to all safety and hygiene measures.

Every winter Vivekananda Welfare Foundation runs such a campaign, where the members provide warm blankets along with food packets to the underprivileged living in the open on the streets. VWF tries our best to reach out to people to bring a smile on their face.

The entire team of VWF is always prepared with our Relief Coordinator and team members who spares no pain and takes such initiatives on a regular basis and showcases humanity in the best possible manner.

The foundation made an expenditure of Rs.20,350 to provide relief on the winter days of 2020 out of this annual general budget.

The foundation takes up such initiatives to encourage and appeal to every single person to come forward and help the needy according to their capabilities as everyone can lighten the burden of one another.





15. Services and Donations for the Orphan Children for 2020 session

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation always makes it a point to visit different Orphanages & Children Home in the city on various occasions and to celebrate different auspicious days.

Visiting the underprivileged children and providing them with their needs is not only a life-changing experience for the members and volunteers of the foundation as the children give us life changing lessons but also the satisfaction of providing those innocent lives with their essentials is beyond expression.

The foundation believes children are the most valuable resource of the nation and they should be provided with all their needs, love and safety. The members of the foundation on their visit to the orphanages, often organise interaction sessions with the children and help them to express their feelings and ideas. The volunteers of VWF also arrange for learning activities and games for the children and spend quality time with them.

On such regular visits, the foundation tries its best to provide the children with food, educational inputs, rations, toys, clothes, etc. as they are always in need of these resources. The foundation spent an Rs. 45,210 to provide resources to the orphan and underprivileged children for the 2020-21 financial year.





16. New Branch office Inauguration of Vivekananda Welfare Foundation in 2021

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation has finally achieved its dream of owning a proper office and base at the heart of the city for the convenience of the public to reach out to the organisation at the earliest in times of need.

So, Vivekananda Welfare Foundation had finally conducted the inauguration program in January ,2021 in the midst of its members, well-wishers and guests.

The inauguration ceremony was conducted in the new office of VWF (2nd Floor, Room No 15, D.M.C Complex, Kalibari Road, Dimapur: 797112, Nagaland) in the presence of the Administrator of D.M.C as Chief Guest.

The foundation made an expenditure of Rs. 25,640 out of its funds for building and setting up the foundation from scratch which also includes the furniture cost, electricity bill, rent and other miscellaneous expenses.





17. Fund raising, social charity awareness and Felicitation of philanthropist on the occasion of National Youth Day cum 6th Foundation Day of VWF (2021)

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation observed National Youth Day by organising a charitable program on 17th January 2021 at Durga Mandir Hall, Dimapur.

The theme for the program was “Channelising Youth Power for Nation Building”.

The entire function was dedicated to the youths and the main motive behind the program was to encourage the talented youngsters and provide them with a platform to showcase their talents as they rarely get such opportunities and VWF always tries to provide them with such chances as they are the one who can bring a great difference in this era.

The program was basically a blend of all cultures and traditions. So, such programs allow the youths to experience different cultures and understand the values of different cultures and traditions which in turn propagated the idea of unity in diversity.

This function was also organised to mark the 6th Foundation Day of VWF, which has worked effortlessly and selflessly to make a difference in the life of the needy and the downtrodden.

The detailed report of the different types of services, activities and projects that the foundation has provided and undertaken in the six years period of time were presented in front of everyone. This program was also organised to boost the morale of its members so that the foundation can be even more determined and continue to work in the fields of education, health, empowerment and relief in the days to come.

Highlights of the program were felicitation of the participants of the online competition conducted by VWF during its youth festival, performances of different cultures and community to appreciate art and creativity. Such gatherings are organised every year to specially motivate the youth to step forward and take the lead in the field of social service.

The NGO arranges these functions to motivate the youths and general public towards social service and make them aware about contributing towards various social causes and charitable activities. The foundation made an expenditure of Rs. 1,68,000 to organise the function and reward various participants in the field of art, music and creative fields and also to reward the philanthropist and social workers who have given their extraordinary service towards society.

















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Dr. Andrew Aboto Sema along with other dignitaries on the occasion of National Youth Day organised by the Vivekananada Welfare Foundation on January 17.

Our Reporter
Dimapur, Jan. 17 (EMN): As part of its 6th foundation anniversary, the Vivekananada Welfare Foundation (VWF) observed National Youth Day by organising a programme at Durga Mandir auditorium on January 17 on the theme "Channelising youth power for nation building".

Speaking on the occasion as special guest, the state president of National People's Party (NPP) Dr. Andrew Aboto Sema, encouraged the youth to choose some

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VWF holds 6th foundation day-cum-closing ceremony

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Vivekananada Welfare Foundation (VWF) held its 6th foundation day and closing ceremony of youth festival on account of National Youth Day, 2021 at Durga Mandir auditorium, Old Daily Market, Dimapur on Sunday.

18. Humanitarian Service on the occasion of Makar Sankranti 2021

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation every time tries to set an example in the society and spread awareness related to the diverse cultural heritage of the country alongside its humanitarian services. The foundation works for and propagates the idea of peace and harmony in the society.

Even in the most difficult time of this era, the foundation left no stones unturned to make each and every occasion special for the needy and downtrodden. The foundation took special care during the Covid-19 situation so that the homeless people don't suffer further from hunger and lack of medicines.

The occasion of Makar Sankranti was one instance which marks the abundance of food. So, the volunteers of the foundation distributed cooked meals and essentials to the homeless people so that they can also survive during the pandemic period and find little happiness and peace in their distress.

Time and time again the foundation plays its part to make the people aware about the need of kindness and empathy towards the needy through its social services.

The goal of the foundation was not only to support the needy in the difficult period of pandemic but also to educate the masses about the worth of our country's heritage and history and how it needs to be preserved and documented properly for the coming generations to learn and understand the real meaning of these festivals is actually to share our blessings and fortune with the helpless and vulnerable.

In its humble effort, Vivekananda Welfare Foundation also tried to celebrate this auspicious occasion with the hungry and homeless by providing them with food for which the foundation spent an amount of Rs. 34,120 from its annual budget.







19. Benevolent Social Service on the auspicious occasion of Republic Day 2021

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation observed 72nd Republic Day in its office building on 26th January 2021 at 7:30am by hosting the national flag and singing patriotic songs in the morning hours. This function was hosted to pay tribute to all the martyrs and freedom fighters as well as to all the frontline workers, doctors and defense workers who worked day and night to save the lives of the citizens during the pandemic.

VWF has a firm faith that it was a blessing to brighten someone's life. And the best way to celebrate the heroes is to follow their path of selfless service.

Hence, on this day the foundation distributed food, medicines and other essentials to the helpless and needy around Dimapur city.

VWF also visited Ebenezer Orphanage home to distribute food and sweets to the special children of God. The members of VWF presented gifts to the children as a token of love and made an effort to fill their life with love, happiness and contentment. The foundation made a total expenditure of Rs. 26,600 from its annual fund to provide food and other essentials to the downtrodden people and underprivileged children.







20. Project Pratibha- An Educational Initiative of VWF

A) Yearly Official Survey for the Educational and Child Support Project (Pratibha) for the 2021 Session: After the catastrophic year 2020, which was a very difficult period for the children of Pratibha, as the educational unit remained closed for a very long period adhering to the guidelines of the government.

The volunteers of Vivekananda Welfare Foundation remain motivated and explore every possible way to help the children during the time of pandemic by launching an old Technological Gadgets Donation Drive! so that the helpless children can get access to online education .

Very interestingly, in the very first survey for the session 2021, the foundation registered 200 children who were motivated by the Project Pratibha - An Educational Initiative of VWF and were willing to learn and admit themselves in the free school which the foundation operates.







B) Distribution of ration and other essentials to support the underprivileged children under Project Pratibha:

As the lockdown situation continued in the following year i.e 2021 as well, it became even more challenging to impart education with little technical resources during the lockdown situation. Yet the volunteers of VWF didn't give up and made the best effort to help and support the needy children. The volunteers jumped in to rescue the lives of the innocent ones which were at risk due to the pandemic and hunger. All the services provided to the children and the entire relief service was executed by strictly following the SOPs of the government keeping in mind the vulnerable state of the children. The foundation provided relief to these underprivileged children by providing them with food, rations, medicines, sanitizers, gloves and masks etc., as most of the children belong to very poor financial backgrounds. Almost all the parents or earning members in the family of these children are either unemployed or daily wage earners who lost their jobs due to the lockdown situation in the state.

In such a scenario, getting education is a far-sighted dream when these children were already waging a much greater battle and suffering from hunger, poor health and living in unhygienic conditions.

So, the foundation took the initiative to support them in their fight against hunger and ignorance. The volunteers of VWF tried to educate the children and their guardians about the importance of hygiene, social distancing, wearing of masks and maintaining healthy lifestyle and clean surroundings to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The foundation spent an amount of Rs. 1,23,500 to provide dry rations, fruits, vegetables and other necessary items to the families of 200 children as child support during the Pandemic.





21. Salutations to the women warriors who have offered selfless service towards humanity during the pandemic period (2020-21)

***The International women's Day Theme for 2021 was :
"Choose to Challenge"***

It simply means to make a choice to change, a challenge to emerge successfully.

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation as a social Service platform has always played a vital role to create an inclusive society and remove gender bias and inequality. The foundation every time encourages its women members to take equal initiative and responsibility to bring a change in the society.

Since its inception, the foundation has been working for women empowerment in its best possible capacity. The foundation includes the opinions of the women members in all the major decisions of the foundation. The NGO also encourages its women members to participate in all the humanitarian services carried out by the foundation.

History proves that women have always exhibited tremendous courage in the most difficult times and played a very important role to tackle major challenges that the society has ever encountered. Women in this era are no different and are even more independent and empowered to fight with the most catastrophic situation. This pandemic period has witnessed the contribution of such selfless and courageous women who have done extremely well to provide selfless services towards the society.

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation as a charitable foundation has witnessed the contribution of its women members who were ever ready to take the lead and serve the society whenever there was a need. So, the foundation on women's day 2021, took the initiative to appreciate and reward all the female doctors, defense personnel, social workers and women members of VWF who have given tremendous support and service during the pandemic. Such an initiative was taken by the foundation to set an example for the society and to spread the message *to every woman that they must first make a beginning somewhere.*

If only they ***choose to challenge*** the existing stereotypes only then the society will witness a real change. The foundation made an expenditure of Rs. 33,000 to reward the great and exemplary women on the occasion of women's day 2021.





22. Empowerment of little girls on the occasion of National Girl child's day, 2021

The National Girl Child Day is celebrated in India every year on January 24. It was started by the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Government of India in 2008, with the purpose to spread awareness among people about all the inequalities girls face in the Indian society.

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation also took the initiative on National Girl Child's Day and adopted 10 meritorious and needy girl children. The foundation took the pledge and responsibility to provide educational and financial support to improve the lives of the innocent ones.

The foundation firmly believes that the only way to a brighter future of the world is to educate and empower little girls as a world without girl children is as impossible as a world without water. The foundation has been working towards girl child protection and their safety from the beginning. In 2021, the foundation made an expenditure of Rs. 46,050 as educational support for the academic session 2021 of the girls adopted by the foundation.





23. Online Campaigns, seminars, meetings and training sessions 2021

As the Pandemic hit the world and its negative impacts forced everyone to remain behind closed doors. Most of the regular activities of the foundation were also hindered by the lockdown situation imposed on the state. Yet the foundation and its members didn't give up and turned to online mode of communication and interaction to conduct various meetings, educational seminars, awareness campaigns and training sessions. The foundation has well equipped itself with digital resources so that it can carry out its regular activities without any disruption.

The foundation has organised and hosted several meetings to coordinate and systemize the various activities of the foundation specially during the pandemic. As the foundation had to carry out all its relief activities with a minimum number of volunteers, the coordination and supervision of the relief activities were done through the online mode.

The Disaster Management Team of VWF managed and coordinated everything and all the discussions on important issues were carried out through online meetings.

During the imposition of lockdown in the state, The foundation every now then launched various awareness campaigns on issues of public interest which includes health and hygiene, instructions and awareness related to Covid-19 and vaccination, mental health awareness campaigns, campaigns against domestic abuse and violence behind the closed doors , and encouraged people to do plantation activities in their surroundings etc. . through its social media platforms.

The foundation also arranged for multiple training sessions for the volunteers and members to educate them on various topics and brush their leadership qualities during the lockdown. It also organised various educational seminars from time to time for the youths to keep them positively engaged and educate them during the pandemic.

VWF has always made an effort to positively motivate and educate the masses through its social media platforms regularly and even more during the pandemic crisis by regularly updating about the charitable activities carried out by the foundation. Such updates are regularly posted by the foundation so that the people can reach out to the foundation for help in times of need and emergency. Online membership forms and cashless donation drives were also issued and executed for the convenience of the people and to maintain social distancing.

VWF has a well-managed and dedicated technical team who always keeps updating the general public about the activities of the foundation through its various social media platforms to motivate them to come forward and help the needy. During the pandemic, the technical team also launched different campaigns through digital media and helped the members to host several online meetings, discussion sessions and educational seminars and educate them about the use of digital media and various apps for communication and interaction.

The foundation spares an amount of Rs. 5,000 every month out of its yearly budget to maintain the technical team which also includes the maintenance of digital resources and the internet bill as the system is set up at the office of VWF to keep everyone well connected and to carry out all the philanthropic activities of the foundation smoothly even during times of crisis.

Conclusion

Vivekananda Welfare Foundation has made tremendous efforts to accomplish all the goals and targeted projects for the 2020-21 financial year.

The foundation did commendable work towards providing medical and relief services to the citizens during the pandemic. The foundation also worked towards social harmony and peace during the time of crisis. As well as, the NGO worked for Child Support and Welfare amidst the Pandemic. The foundation also strived to work for youth and women empowerment during the lockdown situation.

Though the 2020-21 session has been a really challenging year for the foundation yet the foundation managed to successfully complete all its target projects and activities. The foundation adopted new strategies to deal with the crisis and continuously worked to provide better services to the citizens in its best possible capacity. With a more organised management and efficient team the foundation is all set and ready to concentrate on the upcoming projects for the new financial year. Every year the foundation is attaining new heights by overcoming all the hurdles and difficulties and reaching new milestones which in turn is helping the foundation to be even more committed and determined towards its aim to provide humanitarian services to the needy and downtrodden.
