# Food Distribution Report, Community Resource Centres, India – December, 2022

The Second Distribution of 2022 - Reports and pictures from our Bases in the states of Kerala, Nepal, Assam and West Bengal.

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In December of 2022, we were able to send a second lot of funds, provided by Door of Hope, to our seven Community Recourse Centres in India and again, to a young couple in Nepal who were able to do another distribution of food parcels.

December, January and February are the coldest months in northern India and Nepal and the food parcels were greatly appreciated.

The following report shows our teams handing food parcels to families they selected in their communities, many of whom struggle to provide more than one meal a day if they are unable to find work.



#### **NEPAL**

Mr Arjun Rai and his wife Purnima were very thankful to have another opportunity to distribute food items to 15 poor families including some widows in the Jhapa district of Nepal. The families received rice, oil, potatoes and dahl (lentils).

Mr Arjun reported that he and Purnima were so appreciative to be able to give out the food items. He wrote "on behalf of benefitted families.....we distributing team we want to say a big thank you and huge appreciation....Your contribution for food parcels meant a lot for the poor people here....we are also blessed to see their exciting hearts and tears of joy in their eyes, we are really touched too."













#### **KERALA – SOUTH INDIA**

For the first time, we were able to send funds to Mr James and his wife Mary who are based in the south Indian state of Kerala. They distributed 10kg (each) of rice, salt, sugar, oil, dahl, coffee and some spices. Mr James reports - "All of them are said.. it was a great help for them... Especially during the Christmas season we distribute...All of them are sending their heartful thanks to the sponsorship.

The first picture of Thomas the old man, he said... "His children forget.. but someone remembering him and send this gifts.". He is very happy. Another woman said, this gift was great help for her family.

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Left & Right: Some of the ladies who received food packs, given by Mr James and Mary where they are based in Kerala state.





Left: "She is a widow with 2 daughters. She is around 60 years old. Two daughters are married and staying with their husbands. But younger daughter is staying with her now because her husband not showing much care towards her. Now this mother looking after her 2nd daughter. She is doing rubber tapping for maintaining the family expenses."

## **NAXALBARI – WEST BENGAL**

Albert, who is the leader of our Community Resource Centre in the town of Naxalbari was able to distribute food items to 15 families in his area – dahl, sugar, oil, some spices, onions and 10kg of rice. Albert was so thankful to be able to visit the families and give them the food.

Albert wrote "Naxalbari food distribution is done, they have thanked for the delivery of what is needed...they all do labour work. Work sometime stops so it is hard. So glad to take this food."













#### SILIGURI – WEST BENGAL

Community Resource Centre, Siliguri was able to distribute food parcels to 10 families comprising of 10kg bags of rice, oil, dahl, sugar, flour, salt soya chunks and spices.

Several of these families have children who they struggle to feed and as a result of that, not all the children are able to attend school. Some of the children are attending the Kids Club that the Community Resource Centre run each week.



**Left:** The 10 people who came to the Centre on behalf of their families to receive the food packs.

Below right: "At the moment he is working as a painter. Wife passed away and he is alone. No one to look after him. He was also very happy to receive the food pack".

#### Here is the account of the woman in the middle photo below:

"Her name is Sukli Basfore. She has 3 kids. Her husband does cleaning work on the road. All the 3 kids are going to school so it is very difficult for them. Sometimes they don't have anything to eat. And at times because of that they don't send children to school. So she was very happy receiving this food packs."







# JALPAIGURI – WEST BENGAL

The team at Jalpaiguri were able to deliver food parcels to 15 families. These parcels included 10kg's each of rice, as well as dahl, oil, salt, sugar, tea and flour. Some of these families are struggling with sickness, their income is through house cleaning and other labour. They were very happy to receive the food parcels.

"Ladies who received food packs were very happy. Due to the family situation. For them to receive the food pack like this means a lot to them. Some said thank you for showing your love and care for us".



**Above:** The 15 food packs ready to give out.

**Below:** Some of the people receiving their food packs. The lady on the far right's story: "She is alone in her family. She collects plastics everyday by the roadside, sells them to look after her daily needs. Sometimes she don't have enough money to buy her food. She was very happy to receive the food pack."







## **DHEKIAJULI – ASSAM**

Report from Team leader Prem in Dhekiajuli:

"It was very good and blessed to share...to our peoples through distribution activities. Response of the peoples are very blessed they offer very much thanks to all those who are supporting them in this difficulties situations. All those peoples who received foods package each families offer thanks.

We...in Dhekijuli very much happy and pleased to do distribution! Thanks everyone one support and efforts to succeed this projects. Thanks"





**Above:** Prem with the food packs ready for distribution **Other pictures** Prem and his wife with some of the people they delivered the packs to.







#### **TEZPUR – ASSAM**

Team leader Lakhi and his team in Tezpur were able to distribute food packs for 11 families who struggle to make ends meet. Items included 10kg each of rice as well as dahl, sugar, oil, 2kg potatoes, soybeans and salt.

The 11 people they identified came to the Centre to receive their food packs from the team. Lakhi reported that they had opportunity to share and the people spoke of how thankful they were and how helpful the food packs were. The team also were thankful for the opportunity to be a part of giving the packs out to people.



**Left:** Lakhi with the food items after they separated them into the different packs.

**Below:** The group of people together, after receiving their food packs.

**Below:** Some of the grateful recipients of the food packs being given by members of the team.





