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Project for Lepers

Introduction:

In Dharmapuri, Tamilnadu, there is a small village called Thokkampatty where a colony of lepers' families is set up by the state government. This colony is named as 'Lepers' Colony. The people who are infected with leprosy go from town to towns to beg and collect money and share the collected funds among the families. We met such a group in Bangalore and studied about their health conditions, family situation and other issues. Through interactions and field visit, we have identified the following issues.

Issues identified:

- The family members and relatives have abandoned the infected people and sent them away
- There is the social stigma and discrimination on lepers
- The medical condition of the disease is under control with the help of specific medicines
- People are not ready to offer them any jobs due to their physical state of being
- In hotels, shops, public places they are not welcomed to mingle with others
- Begging is their major source of income, despite of their preference and willingness
- They don't get enough income to maintain their household needs.

Objective:

Among all the identified issues, we understood that the 'lack of enough food' for the family members, is the major and immediate issue we could address. As an initiative towards this requirement we wanted to provide each family with a bag of 'rice and provisions'.

Fundraising:

By expressing the objective and cause of this project, many friends came forward to fund this project.

Implementation of the project:

On 24th March 2018, we visited Dharmapuri and purchased 72 provision bags, each with the following items.

- 5 Kg of rice
- 1 Litre Sunflower oil
- 1 Kg Toor Dal
- 1 Kg sugar
- 200g Vermicelli
- Chilli, Turmeric, Coriander powder
- 2 Packets of salt
- 1 Packet of mustard
- 1 Packet of Glucose powder
- 1 Packet of fried gram

We gathered the members of 72 families in the village community hall and distributed the provision bags. Mr. Channakya Bharathi, Asst. Branch Manager, Vijaya Bank was the chief guest for the event.

Photos from the event:





Vote of thanks:

At the end of the event, the secretary of 'Lepers' welfare association' has delivered vote of thanks. In his note, he expressed gratitude to all the donors, FAMIN team and volunteers for bringing such help to support their need.