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The rapid spread of COVID-19 has changed daily life greatly for all of us. Not only has the disease claimed the lives of thousands of people, but it has resulted in the loss of livelihoods for a large part of the population. The pandemic is continued to a major impact on the health and well-being of vulnerable groups. We serve a disproportionately vulnerable community (poverty-stricken people) in Patna district, Bihar. The communities and families we work with do not have the resources to deal with the health, economic and societal impact this pandemic.

In this context, we will:

- (i) To assist vulnerable rural families in overcoming the threat of COVID-19 by using communication, prevention, and awareness, mitigating the risk of mortality from acquiring the disease, and equipping them with the necessary supplies to maintain adequate hygiene and nutrition.
- (ii) To improve the socio-economic status of targeted poor and marginalized women & girls and their families through vocational training.

We chose this focus as it is the most appropriate given time, resource, and experience constraints and the urgency of responding to the COVID-19 crisis among the poor and vulnerable community.

In the first instance, the education and prevention campaigns will focus on the dissemination of reliable Information and safety process on COVID-19 among vulnerable communities.

Secondly, the project aims to provide food items to needy/hungry, poor, and vulnerable families; to enable them to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 by providing soap, hand sanitizers, and face masks to encourage personal hygiene practices.

In addition, the project will also build skills of poor young women & girls in Tailoring & Embroidery, and Basic Computer Education. Sewing groups will help in the production of the mask to ensure its continuity supply. The COVID-19 pandemic has posed serious economic challenges and threats to rural women's works and this can be reduced only by imparting quality vocational training to them.

The humanity is passing through a difficult phase. We have launched COVID-19 Response unit to provide food, livelihood opportunity and life-saving medical support to poor families. We feel, efforts should make to insulate the poor people to extent possible from the negative effects of COVID-19. We need your support to mitigate the Impact of the Pandemic among vulnerable families.

Without your support, we cannot help and serve them. Thank you for being part of the solution to end all global crises.

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