

Covid-19 Pandemic – Social Responsibility of Andhra Loyola College:

Andhra Loyola College, in tune with its commitment to the poor and marginalized sections of the society as a social responsibility, always desires to be the first in lending a helping hand in times of calamities to alleviate the sufferings of the victims.

The outbreak of novel Corona Virus across the world, declared by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a Pandemic resulting in a Global Emergency on 30.01.2020, has found its way into our country as well forcing the Union Government to declare the First Phase of Lockdown on 24.03.2020.

The Lockdown has seriously affected the entire life pattern of all the people in the country in general and rendered millions of families such as daily-wage workers and those employed in unorganized sector helpless with no income. The worst affected segment of people is the migrant labourers who were stranded at their workplaces away from their home states due to sudden declaration of lockdown and consequent stoppage of all means of transport. Both the Union Government and State Governments have initiated implementation of different relief measures to help these families.

In such scenario, quickly responding to the harrowing situation, the Management of Andhra Loyola Institutions has responded with its humanitarian gesture of coming to the rescue of the needy people by swinging into swift action to render help through different relief measures from the day one of the Lockdown period i.e. during March and April 2020.

The Management has pumped in about Rs.26,00,000/- (Rupees twenty-six lakhs), besides the contributions made by different sections of the society, staff and students of the college, for undertaking relief measures with primary focus on the poorest of poor people.

The Relief Activities (worth Rs.16 Lakhs) undertaken during the First Wave include

1. Distribution of Food to Daily-Wage Workers, Pavement Dwellers and Migrant Labour from 26.03.2020 to 30.04.2020;

2. Donation of Masks and Face Covers to the Police Department on 7th April 2020;

3. Distribution of Provisions to –

a. 175 Poor Families in the College-adopted villages in Machilipatnam area viz. Manginapudi, Usalavaripalem, Rayapalli, Atchivaripalem, and Jinjerru on 19th April 2020.

b. 270 Poor Families in Gudlalleru Mandal on 19th April 2020:

c. 125 Poor Families of Gangireddula Dibba, Vijayawada city, on 21st April 2020:

d. 75 families of Class IV Employees of the College on 22nd April 2020:

4. Month-Long Distribution of Nutritious Food to the Police Personnel from 5th April 2020.

5. Conduct of Covid 19 Test for

a. The Members of Management and Staff of the College from 6th to 10th August 2020

b. The staff (including their family members) of Andhra Loyola Institutions on 29th September 2020

c. The students of the College on 23rd and 24th November 2020

6. College Auditorium and Play Grounds Infrastructure turned into State-government-run Rehabilitation Centres of Migrant Labour and Rytu Bazars during the Lockdown period from 04.04.2020 to 22.08.2020.

Relief Measures (Rs.10 Lakhs) undertaken during the II Wave of Covid 19 Pandemic:

1. **Food On Wheels:** Distributed daily 250 Cooked Food Parcels for 8 days from 28.05.2021 to 06.06.2021 to the affected Daily Wage Labourers, Migrants, Beggars and Orphans etc.
2. **Dry Ration Drive:** 250 Dry Ration Kits containing 17 items per kit were distributed in the affected Yanadies and other ST communities in Krishnalanka, Prabhunagar, Poranki, Penamaluru, Pathapadu areas of Vijayawada Urban & Rural Mandals; and to Tolubommalata artists of Narasaraopet from 10.06.2021 to 30.06.2021.
3. **Medical Kits:** 1000 Corona Medical kits were distributed to the affected Poor free of cost and undermedical supervision.
4. **Face Masks:** Distributed 500 hundred sets consisting 6 Masks each to the poor, who could not afford to buy decent Face Masks.
5. **Tarpaulin Sheets and Roof Covers:** Distributed 170 Tarpaulin Sheets to the poorest of the Poor who live in huts.
6. **Covid 19 Testing:** Covid 19 testing for the Unaided Teaching and Non-teaching members of the staff was organized from 22nd to 25th May 2021. About 200 people availed the opportunity.
7. **Financial Assistance:** Supported staff and their families who are affected with Covid-19, based on their financial situation and the seriousness of the Patient; 2 to 3 Months of the Individual's monthly salary was given as advance; and also paid some of their Medical Bills and so on, especially for the patients in critical condition.
8. **Isolation Center:** ALC started Isolation Centre at Mathais Hostel for Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff - cooked Food and Medical Assistance were provided observing the Covid-19 protocols.