

# OFI and COVID 19

## How our partners are getting involved

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For more than six weeks, the Indian territory has been under lockdown and will be extended until May 17. Although essential, this measure is worsening the daily life of millions of Indians who have no access to food. Many of them live from day to day, like daily workers living in the slums or makeshift houses, subsisting on the rupees collected by selling rubbish or plastic bottles.

Thanks to the numerous donations we have already received, the constant support of our partner foundations and the work of our volunteers in the field, OFI's local NGO partners provide daily food and health aid to the most deprived and vulnerable population.

 [See Corlie's video \(civic service\) on our partners' actions.](#)





## GRAMIUM: Grocery Kits

### Helping the poorest

Each of our partners provided an emergency response in Bangalore and Trichy where we identified many collateral victims of Covid-19 :

- the homeless.
- 1000 families living in extremely difficult situations in both Trichy and Karur districts
- 440 children from 55 foster homes who had to be returned to their families
- migrant workers living in the slums of Bangalore
- people living far from local shops
- many seniors



GRAMIUM: Robin (Service Civ.)



### **DIN's actions (Dream India Network)**

Since the beginning of the lockdown, DIN has distributed more than 5000 food and sanitary kits for 440 children's families from foster homes. DIN has also distributed food baskets in the slums of Bangalore and to migrant workers.

Sanitary napkins were also distributed. In addition to the kits and hygiene products, clothing and other essential goods were given to the homeless in Bangalore.

### **SEVAI and GRAMIUM's actions**

SEVAI provided collective kitchens. Its teaching team and our volunteers on site distribute more than 750 meals every day in the Trichy district. Food baskets and hygiene kits are also provided.

Both Gramium and SEVAI raise awareness on protective measures and distribute masks. Gramium distributed 500 food kits in the Karur district.



The OFI team wishes to thank you for your constant support and more than ever reasserts its commitment to the population of South India in this time of health crisis. Thanks to you, OFI and its partners continue to act relentlessly and take all the necessary initiatives to ensure the continuity of the projects.

There are two ways to become a member or make a donation:

Send a cheque payable to Objectif France-Inde: "Michelle LOBJOIS - Treasurer OFI / 35 rue du 8 mai, 17 630 La Flotte".

OR visit the [OFI](#) website :

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