

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S ASSESSMENT

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1) What is your name? In which region and city is your home located?

**My name is I. Sebastian and we have four orphanages two in Dindigul district and one in Nagapattinam district and one in Theni district. In addition we have one orphanage and school for handicapped children in Dindigul district. All our orphanages are in south of Tamil Nadu.**

2) How many children are in your home?

**All together we have five hundred and fifty orphan children in the four orphanages and fifty children in our handicapped centre.**

3) What do you usually do for the children you welcome? (Accommodation, school, meals, homework, etc,)

**We provide accommodation, clothing, health care and meet of transport and school expenses.**

4) How long have schools been closed in your region / country?

**Primary schools are closed now for a month and high school, higher secondary school and colleges locked for last ten days.**

5) What containment measures have been taken by your government? (exhaustive list if possible) When were they taken? Do you know how long these measures should last?

**As of now complete curfew is imposed on the people all over the country. It is an emergency situation where people are not allowed to come out of their houses except for buying medicines, vegetables and groceries only these provisions are available in the morning hours and all other shops are closed. No public transportation is functioning. Police is deployed in all places and they arrest and take the people if they come out unnecessarily. If people are identified with symptoms of corona virus they are immediately quarantined and also authorities are behind all those people who came in contact with this person and they are also quarantined. With regard to the time frame we are not very sure how long it will last but as of today the government curfew is declared up to 14th of April.**

6) What do you do with the children during confinement? How do you keep them busy? How does confinement change your daily life with children?

**They are kept inside our orphanages and they are not allowed to go out. We organize different events such as gardening, games, book reading, storytelling, drawing, dancing, etc,.**

7) Can they go outside the home? Under what condition?

**Children enjoy their life inside the campus but cannot go out of their orphanage. However they find it strange that the schools are closed without annual examination and without declaring the date of reopening.**

8) Can you get out of the home to buy basic necessities? (water, food...)

**Whenever there is a need for purchase of food items such as vegetables, groceries, meat, etc, we inform our driver he goes and brings the same. We are not venturing out of the orphanage.**

9) What do you know about Corona virus? Do you know the barrier gestures to avoid catching it? How do you make children aware of this virus and of barrier gestures?

**This is a dangerous virus that is affecting thousands of people all over the world and costing many deaths. It is spread through human beings and we have to keep at least one meter from others to prevent spreading. As of today there is no preventive medicine and treatment medicine. The only way to avoid this disease is to keep the social distancing.**

10) Do you have medical staff in the home? Have you had any cases of Coronavirus in the home?

**We did have a medical staff earlier but now she has gone home. As of now we don't have any Corona virus infection case in our orphanage.**

11) Do you take care of their midday and evening meals?

**Yes we need to provide all the meals, Tiffin, etc, for all these fifty complete orphan children. As they are in the campus 24 hours.**

12) Does containment incur additional costs than usual? What are these new expenses? (exhaustive list if possible)

**Yes, this containment costs more expenses. The children are provided a three times meals and at least two times Tiffin and also provide other articles such as games, sports and reading books all the drawing equipments etc.**

13) Do you know how parents of children manage to continue working?

**As of now most of the parents of children are not going to work except some agriculture.**

14) Do you think that this crisis risks increasing the number of precarious people? Why?

**This crisis ultimately affect the poor very badly because of their livelihood is lost for they cannot go to work and they cannot get their daily wage for their living.**