

SHARING FOOD. SHARING OXYGEN. SHARING HOPE...



SDG 2- Zero Hunger

SDG 13-Climate action

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You're in an apocalypse! The world is shattering. People around you are running frantically in search of oxygen. An oxygen crisis! People are trembling like fish caught in nets gasping for oxygen. India is facing an oxygen crisis as Covid cases surge. We, the Hunger Warriors, are back in action towards spreading positivity and hope amidst all the chaos and tears.

Oxygen crisis

India is scrambling to get large amounts of oxygen to hospitals in Mumbai and other areas struck by a record COVID-19 outbreak. It is second only to the United States reported cases, with close to 20 million. We had to go through the traumatic experience of arranging to admit our grandparents from hospital to hospital desperately looking for oxygen cylinders and were denied admission. And at this point, we vowed that we as a team will do our level best to prevent the same thing from happening to others. Our earnest efforts and humble contribution of to the best of our ability to Unity and Dignity Foundation, NGO provided timely help in the form oxygen cylinders saved lives of twenty Covid patients.

Donation drives

We dedicated 5000+ hrs striving to make a difference in our community, school, society and across nations by generous donations of \$6500, raising awareness about GSL's SDG goals amongst 40000 people approximately and positively impacted 10000+ people (40000+10000 gives 50000 people) through our eco-drives, media coverage in local newspaper, GIIS websites, podcast, webinars and discussions in Singapore, India and Philippines.

- We owe to the green and sustainable Singapore, the country of our residence with its rich flora and fauna motivated us to plant many trees (Banyan, Neem, Guava tree etc) to combat global warming. This in turn leads to 3380 pounds of oxygen generation that purifies the environment. Although rallies and protests are excused here, we made up with innovative drives and creative ideas to raise awareness.(Please see the excel sheet and receipts enclosed)

- Our food donation drive to Free Food For All and Annadanam to migrant workers in Vadapathira temple simultaneously in Feb 2021 was a humbling experience, where donors wholeheartedly donated 125kgs of rice and other food items.
- Amidst the Covid crisis, we raised \$300 through eco-friendly masks sale, which in turn we donated to Miracle Manna children's home towards food and sanitation.
- Through E-waste drive (Feb2021), we donated 120 kgs. of E-waste to Nascorps, who offered to sponsor our website/blog (<https://wecare85200838.wordpress.com>) and donated four laptops and a tablet to Engineering Good which provided sustainable e-learning to the underprivileged.
- We conducted a clothes donation drive in school, with an overwhelming response from teachers, parents and students who donated around 500+ kgs to Smile foundation.
- We shared our blessings by empowering education amongst less fortunate by conducting a pen and stationary drive which was donated to 500 Filipino teenagers and refilled the pens distributed to 'Save that pen', Singapore. (Photos and Excel sheet attached)

Learning curve

Every calamity has a hidden learning. This pandemic helped us unearth and share our positivity and resources with Covid victims deprived of oxygen amidst its shortage. Covid taught us to set time aside, to reflect and learn more about ourselves and the environment. Over the past one year, we learnt to respect nature and do the best we can to reach our optimum potential, to be true to ourselves during these tough times and treat ourselves and the people around us with kindness. The satisfaction of assisting to save life during testing times with acute shortage on one hand and desperate individuals with limited resources on the other hand made us realise that resources we are blessed with here can be shared with others deprived of it. Our dedicated and selfless team worked round the clock, at times with sleepless nights by co-ordinating with volunteers, families of needy patients, doctors and hospitals in delivering the emergency services (Oxygen cylinders and Remdesivir) in the nick of time. Every life saved was a reward in itself, and 20 lives were indeed god's gift.

Our donors and motivators

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the GSL and the Management and staff of Global Indian International School, Singapore in promoting our endeavours throughout the year. Our Principal and torch bearer, Ms Melissa Maria for her timely support and vigorous encouragement in making our every event a roaring success. We are humbled and touched with the help that poured in support of India during these critical times of Covid surge from every individual across borders, governments from various nations that upheld humanity! Without the continued support of teachers, parents and peers our plan of action would not have been executed with utmost sincerity and dedication. Our sincere thanks to Ms Radha Ganesh for her guidance and support.

A special mention to an NGO, Unity and Dignity Foundation, Shahanawaz Shaikh who beat the odds by selling his sole SUV and worked tirelessly and selflessly to supply oxygen cylinders and Remdesivir that saved 4000+ precious lives! We would like to make an appeal to the GSL Platform and the UN to supply more O2 cylinders and Remdesivir to such NGOs who are constantly striving to save every life. The satisfaction of assisting to save lives during such testing times is unfathomable.

(Note: An Interview with Shahanawaz Shaikh, Oxygen Man of Mumbai by Hunger Warriors is enclosed in the video. Also find attached photos, links to raise awareness through webinars, podcasts)