# Provision of Medical Equipment to Pune Municipal Corporation, Maharashtra

### **Stone Experts GMBH – DEG – IAHV Covid-19 RELIEF WORK**



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#### 1. Project Background

The novel human coronavirus disease COVID-19 has become one of the greatest challenges faced worldwide. World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19, a pandemic on March 11, 2020, and called for governments to take 'urgent and aggressive action' to change the course of the outbreak.

In wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Indian government issued an unprecedented nation-wide lockdown to prevent spread of the virus. First phase of lockdown started on 24th March 2020 and has been extended from time to time since then while taking various other initiatives to deal with the current situation.

This pandemic has placed an immense burden on the nation's healthcare system. Emergency medical and critical care systems in India are suffering from lack of essential resources, overload and severe working conditions. Elaborate measures are required to contain the spread, identify the affected and provide essential healthcare to those who are diagnosed positive.

International Association of Human Values (IAHV) has been working on COVID-19 relief initiatives right from the start of the pandemic. IAHV Team was well versed with the ground requirements and that is how this relief project was conceptualized. Some details of IAHV and its COVID-19 relief work are mentioned in the last section of this document.

Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) officials have been working to fight against this pandemic and are determined to make their areas well equipped to accommodate and treat patients affected by coronavirus and prevent the spread of the virus. As a result of their continuous efforts, donors have come forward to offer their support by providing necessary medical facilities in Pune.

IAHV has been supporting several COVID-19 relief initiatives carried out in Pune by collaborating with donors. IAHV team helps in executing and monitoring the work and will continue to provide assistance for future initiatives.

### 2. Project Description

COVID-19 positive cases in India continue to rise on a daily basis with Maharashtra being the worst affected state in the country. In Maharashtra, Mumbai, Thane and Pune are the worst affected districts. The IAHV Team has been leading many relief initiatives in these areas in close cooperation with the local Government and other CSR partners.

While the State machinery is working day and night to manage the situation, it has also appealed to public, private and civil organizations to offer a helping hand in this fight against COVID-19 pandemic.

IAHV team has been talking to Pune Municipal Corporation (PMC) to identify the areas where support is most needed. Dr. Vanashree Labhshetwar, Additional Commissioner at PMC, contacted the IAHV team and requested to support the set-up of Covid Care Centres (CCCs) that were being set up in Pune to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus.

#### 3. Need for Covid Care Centre

As the epidemic is progressing, there is an urgent need to be fully prepared to provide the best health care to the patients. A large number of positive cases in India are clinically diagnosed with either mild or very mild symptoms.

Covid Care Centres (CCC) are required for such cases to prevent the spread of COVID-19 virus and to flatten the curve. These centres can be makeshift facilities and can be set up in hostels, hotels, schools, stadiums, lodges, among other places, both public and private.

The objective of a COVID care centre is to enable successful isolation and management of asymptomatic cases. This will help to contain the spread and manage the people during the period of incubation.

Addressing to this urgent requirement, it was decided that immediate relief be provided to PMC as requested by them by providing support to set up the CCC to prevent the spread of COVID-19 Virus. This will help build a more equitable health system, one that's equipped to respond to the patients affected with COVID-19.

### 4. Project Implementation

With COVID-19 cases increasing on daily basis, there is an urgent need to address the problems faced by healthcare systems and to offer support to control the spread of the virus.

After discussion with the PMC officials and a site visit by IAHV team, it was decided to set up an 800 bed Covid Care Center at SRA Buildings in Viman Nagar, Pune.

**Details of the location:** In SRA buildings, Viman Nagar, Pune, there are total 4 buildings, A, C, D and E with 172 flats in each building. One flat in each floor is kept for Hot water and Drinking water common facilities. Each flat can accommodate up to five patients. Covid Care Centre has been set up in D building of SRA buildings, Viman Nagar.

Google map link for the location: <u>https://maps.app.goo.gl/ikHrxETJp5rvRR2t6</u>

Following requirements were fulfilled for the CCC:

S.No.	Item	Quantity
1	Defibrillator	2
2	Thermometers	50
3	Oximeters	20
4	Beds, Mattresses	80
5	PPE Kits, Gloves, N95 Masks	1600

The set-up of Covid Care Centre has been completed and operational.

Some pictures from the Covid Care Centre are shown on the next page:



SRA Buildings, Viman Nagar, Pune











### 5. About IAHV

The International Association for Human Values (IAHV) was founded to foster a deeper understanding of the values that unite us as a global community. Spread over 156 countries, IAHV focuses on empowering people and communities with inclusive and sustainable development interventions, fostering universal human values and resilience. IAHV's initiatives span 11 out of 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals.

IAHV currently partners with over 60 national and international organizations to design and implement social and development initiatives.

More information about IAHV can be found at <a href="https://www.iahv.org/in-en/">https://www.iahv.org/in-en/</a>

#### **Corona Relief Initiatives from IAHV India**

The International Association for Human Values (IAHV) has created a holistic strategy to mitigate the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic.

- a) To help migrant labourers and daily wage earners, IAHV is distributing ration kits and meals. As of 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020, over 80 Million kits/meals have already been distributed across India covering every state. These ration kits are distributed to the beneficiaries by IAHV volunteers working together with the Government machinery.
- b) In addition, IAHV is working to help the heroes who are on the frontline of this battle against the virus. Government Hospitals are woefully short of items like Personal Protection Equipment (PPEs), masks, gloves and essential safety items that increase the risk for the frontline staff. IAHV has thus far provided safety gear and medical equipment worth more than Rs. 40 Cr in Maharashtra, Delhi, Karnataka and Gujarat.

IAHV's ration distribution footprint across India is shown on the next page:



IAHV's Corona Relief Work Footprint across India



9,000 cloth masks donated to Thane Municipal Corporation

Medical Relief Work-Pune

and Mumbai

300 infrared thermometers, 150 Pulse Oxymeters 2000 N95 masks, 2000 PPE kits and 7 swab booths denated to



200 PPE kits, 5000 filter masks, 1950 N95 masks, 400 faceshields, 200 sanitizers and 100 infrared thermometers











## 10 UV Scanner Equipment handed over to

Pimpri Chinchwad Rural Police Station to help the police to disinfect their uniform.







### **5000 washable Face**

**masks** handed over to the BMC for the frontline workers from the Sanitation dept., B.E.S.T Drivers' Conductors

etc.





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