

To: BODHI Australia (June 29, 2021)

Subject: Seeking donation for Aryaloka Corona Relief Emergency work (slightly edited)

The Covid 19 pandemic affects all of us and highlights our global interconnectedness. We are all suffering but those suffering most are those with the fewest resources – the poorest and most vulnerable in our societies. The second wave of Corona virus was very deadly than the previous wave of Corona virus. In Nagpur city everyday there were approximately 8,000 patients infected and the death rate was high. Since 22nd of Feb 2021 there was a strict lockdown in whole city up to 31st May 2021. Recently from 1st of June 2021 the lockdown was over with some restrictions. That has resulted in untold misery and hardship for many thousands of daily labourers were unable to go their jobs and feed their families. Since last 3 months during this pandemic situation many families lost their jobs, and died elder members of families. This will result in enormous hardship for many. Meagre government assistance is failing to reach those most in need. Families with no income are being asked to pay for free government rations and are regularly cheated over the quantities of basic foodstuffs they are entitled to. And it's necessary to provide nutritious and healthy food to such families that will helps to increase their immunity system and hopefully they all get vaccinated before third wave of Corona virus. So they will able to fight against the third wave of Corona virus which will expect in the month of September 2021.

In Nagpur, in central India, a Buddhist NGO, Aryaloka Education Society, which normally provides training in computer skills since last 20 years for students from the slum populations, has launched an emergency service to provide basic nutritious and healthy food and other necessities such as (dal, chana dal, soyabean, food oil, sugar, tea powder, soap, turmeric powder, mirchi (chilli) powder and sanitary pads) for 350 most affected families in the slums of Nagpur. Aryaloka is well placed to provide this help. They have worked in these slums for 20 years and know the families and communities most in need. They have volunteers able and willing to help. As in all their work, Aryaloka is motivated by the Buddhist ideals of compassion and a desire to relieve suffering.

**A] Estimate of Nutritious and healthy food Distribution to Vulnerable and needy 350 families.
350 X 886 = 3,10,100 INR.**

	Item	Rates (INR)	Kg (Pkt)	Total (INR)
1	Chana (chickpeas)	70	1 kg	70
2	Soyabean	90	1 kg	90
3	Dal (lentils)	90	2 kg	180
4	Oil	150	2	300
5	Sugar	36	1	36
6	Tea Powder	30	125 gm	30
7	Mirchi (chilli) Powder	25	100 gm	25
8	Turmeric	10	50 gm	10
9	Sanitary pads	25	5 packets (each 6 pads)	125
10	Soap	10	2	20
			Total	886