



## COVID-19 PROJECT REPORT

### *THE JOURNEY SO FAR*

### OVER 1 MILLION KHICHDI MEALS SERVED

As the Coronavirus pandemic grips countries across the world, there is widespread fear and panic as well as massive disruptions and dislocations. People in underprivileged communities are facing shortages of food and shelter, medicines and masks. One of the worst hit states is that of Maharashtra, with Mumbai city alone affecting thousands of vulnerable families and individuals.

Ratna Nidhi responded to the crisis by serving hot nutritious khichdi meals to daily wage workers in Mumbai. Over 1 million khichdi meals have been served since 29<sup>th</sup> March 2020. The meals were served to daily wage workers all over Mumbai.

A lot of these people have been rendered jobless due to the pandemic and are left with little or no means to provide for their families. The Khichdi meals provided, came as a blessing in disguise to all the beneficiaries in these challenging times. The project has ensured daily sustenance for these workers, making sure no one had to sleep on an empty stomach.

Meals were distributed in Borivali, Malad, Kurla, Byculla, Dharavi, Parel, Mazgaon, Matunga, Bandra, Dharavi, Vikhroli, Mulund, Bhivandi, Mankhurd, Andheri, Vile Parle, Chembur, Ghatkopar, Dhobi Talalo, Colaba, Fountain. Ratna Nidhi has set up 5 kitchens at Malad, Matunga, Dadar, Chembur and Ghatkopar. The meals are then cooked, packed in hygienic containers and delivered to the identified beneficiary group.

**The distribution of the Millionth meal was celebrated in the presence of Honorable Mrs. Varsha Gaikwad, Maharashtra Cabinet Minister of Education at Dharavi on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020.**

We thank each and every donor who supported this project and enabled us to reach our mission of serving a million meals to underprivileged communities in Mumbai.



**Honorable Mrs. Varsha Gaikwad, Maharashtra Cabinet Minister of Education at the distribution ceremony of the Millionth Khichdi meal to children at Dharavi in Mumbai**





Khichdi meals distributed to children at Dharavi by Mrs. Varsha Gaikwad



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