April-June 2020

# Quarterly Newsletter



Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

1, Convent Lane, Tangra, Kolkata-700015, West Bengal, India



## The outbreak of CORONA

WHO declares it as a global pandemic affecting mankind throughout the world. In the absence of any vaccine for COVID-19, the only option was to prevent the virus from spreading through social distancing as announced by the Indian Government. In its effort to prevent the virus from spreading into the community, the State Government declared a total lock in West Bengal for a period of days starting from 23<sup>rd</sup> of March, 2020. This was followed by a nationwide lock down order from the Central depending on the situations.

# The steps taken by Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre

As a socially responsible Organization, **KMWSC** is taking every step in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through SOP Standard Operating Procedures

The following steps were taken during the pandemic situation:

- Maintain social distancing,
- Field visits and activities were on hold.
- Food relief distribution camps were organized
- Monitoring of the beneficiaries and activities of all the projects over the phone.
- As an organization, working for 6 days a week ahead with our long term and short term plan for our project related activities.
- Stand beside our project staff, beneficiaries and their families at this time of crisis.
- Provide food relief on different days at different places under our projects to all our beneficiaries

# Super Cyclone Amphan hit Sunadarban, Canning, Diamond Harbour and South 24 paragnas

The cyclone ripped off the coastal areas in these areas. KMWSC geared up to tackle the cyclone by evacuating families from our project based areas like Gangasagar- Lodha community people to the Lodha community centre and SSK school for safety.

The team from KMWSC started reaching out the worst affected families with food, relief materials, commodities, clothes and temporary shelter to serve and rebuild the lives of the most vulnerable

Kolkata Mary Ward Social Centre thanks you all for the continuous support during dual whammy pandemic covid-19 and super cyclone Amphan.









# Anti- Human Trafficking Project



# Activities at a glance

Monitor Beneficiaries over phone

Need assessment Survey Data Collection Beneficiaries' details Coordination for food distribution

**Network and advocacy** 



Connect with government schemes

# **Our Support**

SI. No.	Date	Collaboration with	Venue	No. of Beneficiaries	Detailed item distributed
1	25 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020		Diamond Harbour 1	57 AGG	Rice, Dal, Potatoes and salt packet
2	27 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020		Morgrahat	30 wage earners	Rice, Dal, Potatoes and salt packet
3	1st of May 2020		Canning 1	90 AGG	Rice, Dal, Potatoes, Onions, Salt packet and Masks
4	9 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	WMS	Canning 1	105 AGG	Rice, Dal, Potatoes, Onions, Salt, cooking oil packets, Soaps, Masks
5	6 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Jagori and OBR India	Diamond Harbour 1	59 AGG	Rice, Dal, Potatoes, Salt packet and Masks

We thank the entire team of Waste Management Society and the local law enforcement for their support

**Achievements** 

1 Child marriage incident was stopped in Canning Block I Soon after the information was collected, our staff contacted the local police officials and child line. Subsequently, the case got registered in local police station and the marriage was called off.





# Activities at a glance

Covid-19 result tool

Long term & short term plans

Date entry & Compilation

Prepare Bengali question papers

Work on external evaluation format

Development of Brochure

> Food Relief Distribution

Household survey in brickfields

Parents meeting

Prepare TLMs

## Surveys:

BFS field staff undertook a survey to identify families and number of heads stranded in the brickfields of Akra and Pujali in South 24 Parganas District, Basirhat and Beliaghata in North 24 Parganas District and Kalyani in Nadia District.









# **Preparing Teaching Learning Materials:**

BFS teachers, during their work from home prepared both TLMs in number and language for next session.







# **Our Support**

SI. No	Location	Date	Total no of migrant families	Detailed items distributed
1	Pujali	2 <sup>nd</sup> of April 2020	130	Rice ,dal, potatoes, salt packet
2	Beliaghata	6 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020	30	Rice, potatoes, soap, mask, biscuit packet
3	Basirhat	20th of April 2020	102	Rice, dal, potatoes, salt, Soyabean packet
4	Kalyani	24 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020	132	Rice ,dal, potatoes, salt packet
5	Akra	30 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020	500	Rice, dal, wheat flour, soaps, oil, chilly and turmeric powder packets.
6	Pujali	4 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	330	Rice, dal, potatoes, salt, oil, soyabeans, turmeric and red chilli powder, detergent, soaps
7	Pujali	9 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	280	Rice, dal, potatoes, salt, oil, soyabeans, turmeric and red chilli powder, detergent, soaps
8	Kalyani	18 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	266	Rice, dal, potatoes, onions, puffed rice, salt, oil, soyabeans, turmeric and red chilli powder, detergent, shampoo pouches and soaps
9	Pujali	22 <sup>nd</sup> of May 2020	38	Rice, dal, potatoes, onions, salt, oil, soyabeans, turmeric and red chilli powder, detergent, soaps
10	Pujali	30 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	256	Milk packet , Cerelac , Junior and Women Horlicks
11	Akra	3 <sup>rd</sup> of June 2020	236	Milk packet , Cerelac , Junior and Women Horlicks and Sanitary Napkins
12	Pujali	8 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	520	Rice, dal, puff rice, soyabean, detergent, turmeric and chili powder, biscuit packet and shampoo pouches.
13	Akra	9 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	480	Rice, dal, puff rice, soyabean, detergent, turmeric and chili powder, biscuit packet and shampoo pouches.
14	Kalyani	11 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	180	Rice, dal, puff rice, soyabean, salt, puffed rice, potatoes, cooking oil, detergent, turmeric and chili powder, biscuits and shampoo pouches
15	Basirhat	19 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	85	Rice, dal, puff rice, soyabean, salt, puffed rice, potatoes, cooking oil, detergent, turmeric and chili powder, biscuits and shampoo pouches.

# Distribution of Ration & Essentials to the Migrants:

Owing to lockdown, production at brickfields came to a halt, thus, the migrant laborers lost their livelihoods. They could not return to their native villages owing to unavailability of transport. Losing all income, they ran out of resources to purchase food and ration. KMWSC decided to distribute ration and essentials among the stranded migrant labour families in the brickfields.



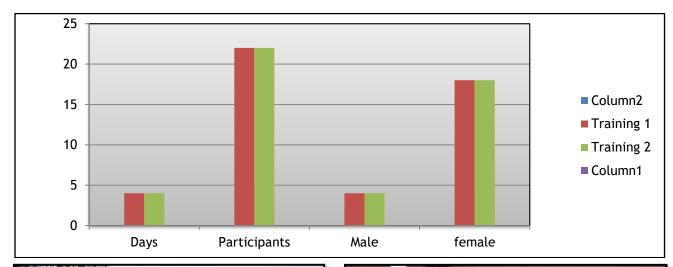
# **Barefoot Project**





June 2	June 2020- Trainings held within KMWSC premises					
Date	No of days	No of participants	Male	Female	Language	Level
10-13	4	22	4	18	Bengali	I
23-26	4	22	4	18	Bengali	I

# Graphical representation of the Trainings held in the month of June





Ice breaking session of physical exercises



Resource person taking class on Covid-19 awareness



## Methodology based activities for Training - 1

- Language development
- Motor Development
- Audio Skills
- Visual Discrimination
- Number Development
- Values and recognition
- Craft work Match stick patterns, leaf rubbing, and leaf zoo
- Demo classes by Trainees
- Interactive session on topics like child characteristics, expectations and teacher's quality
- Action songs session
- Creative methods of preparing TLMs

# Methodology based activities for Training- II

- Language development with phonics and sounds of the letter
- Number development- Mathematics, Time, Money, days, Month Multiplications, number disc, dice method etc
- Value education
- Theme teaching
- Teaching Learning Materials- prepare and use in creative methods.
- Craft work Match stick patterns, leaf rubbing, and leaf zoo
- Story telling session with action and dramatization
- Games based number valuation



# The main objective was to

- Create awareness on Covid 19 and know safety measures
- Monitor the beneficiaries during lockdown
- Gain knowledge about use of teaching learning material and preparing more TLMs
- Know how to deal with children & learn innovative techniques



Resource Person taking session



Participants in Story telling session



Lotus project





# Activities post lockdown at a glance

**Home Visit** 

Monitor Children

**Guardians Survey** 

**Monthly Work Plan** 

**Prepare TLMs** 

**Monitor Mothers** 

Follow up Gram Panchayat

Online Classes for children

Data compilation

Meet GP Pradhan, Panchayat

Sensitize on Government relief

Staff meeting over phone

# **Amphan Highlights**

During both the distribution dates Sister Monica Suchiang, the director of KMWSC was present along with the cyclone response team. She interacted with the field staffs at both the centers and interacted with the beneficiary mothers and their families.

Both the centres were ravaged by the cyclone. Director assured the beneficiaries that she will rebuild the centres.

At present scenario- the centres are being rebuilt.



# Director's visit to the Centres





The aftermath of Cyclone Amphan





Repairing of the respective centres





SI. No.	Date	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Total No of family members	Venue	Detailed item distributed
1	12 <sup>th</sup> of May	115	536	Chaulgola	Rice- 3 kgs, Dal (lentils)- 2 kgs, Potatoes- 1 kg and cooking oil packets of 500ml
2	12 <sup>th</sup> of May	66	280	Sonapota	Rice- 3 kgs, Dal (lentils)- 2 kgs, Potatoes- 1 kg and cooking oil packets of 500ml
3	5 <sup>th</sup> of June	66	280	Sonapota	Rice- 3 kgs, Dal (lentils)- 2 kgs, Potatoes- 1 kg and cooking oil packets of 500ml
4	8 <sup>th</sup> of June	115	536	Chaulgola	Rice- 3 kgs, Dal (lentils)- 2 kgs, Potatoes- 1 kg and cooking oil packets of 500ml



# Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project





# Activities post lockdown at a glance

**Home Visit** 

Communication with parents

**Guardians Survey** 

Monthly Work Plan

**Prepare TLMs** 

Communication with peer group

Awareness on Covid- 19

**Case Studies** 

Data compilation

Communication with club members

Sensitize on Government relief

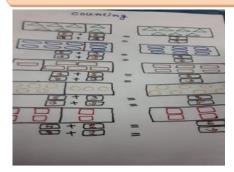
Staff meeting over phone

KMWSC helped the families of MAC centre students during lock down. In the month of April, May and June our Organisation supported all the MAC centres, their students and respective families and provided grocery, dry ration essential commodity items. KMWSC helped total 439 families in altogether 9 food relief distributions with dry food ration and essential commodities that were at the verge of starvation during this time of lockdown.

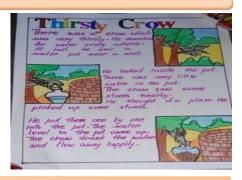
SI. No.	Date	Total No. of Beneficiaries	Total No. of family members	Venue	Detailed item distributed
1	12 <sup>th</sup> of April	50	200	Muraripukur	Rice, Potatoes, Dal, Salt, Cooking Oil
2	27 <sup>th</sup> of April	50	200	Park Circus	Rice, Dal, Potatoes, Mustard oil packet, salt, turmeric powder and coriander powder packets.
3	6 <sup>th</sup> of May	53	212	Chingrighata	Rice, Potatoes, Dal, Salt, Cooking Oil
4	16 <sup>th</sup> of May	41	164	Kolkata Station	Rice, Dal, mustard oil, salt, turmeric powder and chilli powder packets, soap.
5	11 <sup>th</sup> of June	85	340	Motijheel Chingrighata	Atta, Dal, biscuit, salt, sugar, soyabean, chilli powder & turmeric powder, detergent, soaps, puff rice
6	12 <sup>th</sup> of June	160	640	Park Circus Muraripukur Kolkata Station	Atta, Dal, biscuit, salt, sugar, soyabean, chilli powder & turmeric powder, detergent, soaps, puff rice



# Teaching Learning Materials prepared by MAC teachers







# Director's visit: Cyclone Amphan Highlights

Sr. Monica Suchiang reviewed the cyclone affected places for evaluation of the damages caused by the cyclone in the respective 3 MAC centres namely Muraripukur, Kolkata Station and Chingrighata along with the Cyclone response team and HDCl staff. Communicated with the club members and parents about the situation and helped them to rebuild the damaged MAC centres.









# **Field Activities Pictures**







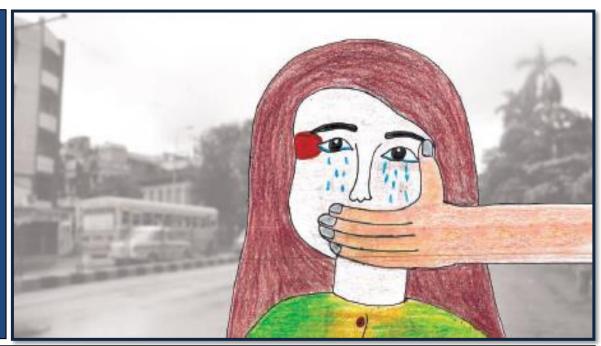


# **Field Visit Activities:**

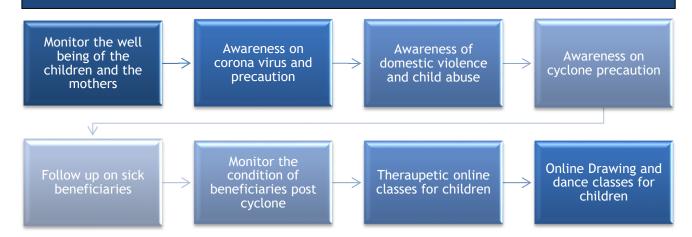
- Our MAC teachers visited their respective MAC centres twice in a week.
- Checked teaching learning materials of their respective centres
- Met with peer group
- Arranged for Relief assistance in their centres,
- Door to door home visit
- Communicated with club members and distributed question sheets, and stationary stuffs to their MAC children.



# Red-Light Area Project



# Project Activities at a glance



# Therapeutic classes and online classes

# Online Therapy Dance Classes

 During the Lockdown online dance classes were conducted through video group conference, sharing of videos and responding to all the queries through group chat or single video audio calls.

# **Online Drawing Classes**

 During the Lockdown online drawing classes were conducted through video group conference, sharing of drawing images and responding to all the queries through group chat or single video audio calls.

# Online Life Skill Education Classes

•The online classes helped to develop self-confidence and successfully deal with significant life changes and challenges post lockdown and also included topics like child bullying, discrimination, good touch bad touch, violation of child rights satiation and hygiene during corona, etc.



# Pictures of Drawings done through online classes





#### **Activities with Mothers**

- Due to corona virus threat the centre was closed.
- Menstruation hygiene, mainstreaming of children
- Corona Virus Awareness and precaution
- Rationing
- Domestic abuse
- Child abuse
- Cyclone Amphan precaution
- Update on children online classes
- Online Skill Development classes

## **Activities with Adolescent Group**

- Awareness on Sustainable Development Goals.
- Awareness on safe environment against corona and precautions.
- Child rights
- Personal Health and hygiene
- Health and hygiene
- Peer pressure
- Child tracking system
- Domestic violence and Child Abuse
- Cyclone Amphan precaution

# **Our Support**

The nationwide lockdown severely affected lives of sex workers at Sonagachii. Footfall at Sonagachi started decreasing ever since the outbreak of COVID-19.

Thus KMWSC'srelief kits and packages were accessible for them to support the sex workers and their families who were on the verge of starvation.

SI. No	Date	Total No. of sex workers	Total No. of family members	Detailed item distributed
1	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	60	215	Wheat flour 5 kgs and a packet of biscuit
2	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	50	170	Wheat flour 5 kgs, 3kgs of rice, 2 kg daal for 6 families
3	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	20	67	9kg rice, 3 kg pulse, 3 kg potato, 1ltr oil and 2 soap
4	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	40	142	14 kg rice, 4 kgs dal, 2 ltrs cooking oil, potatoes 4kgs, sugar 2kgs, puffed rice 1 packet, turmeric powder 1 packet & salt.
5	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	20	83	20 mask, 20 hand sanitizer, 20 disinfectant, 20 hand wash bottles, 20 floor disinfectant and 20 packets of sanitary napkin.
6	26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	50	174	Rice 17kg, dal 3kg, potatoes 5kg,2 soaps, sugar 4kgs, oil 4ltrs, kerosene 3ltr, Horlicks, salt 1kg, puffed rice 500gm, soyabean1kg, turmeric, cumin & red chilli powder 1packets each, 2masks, sanitary napkin packet & detergent packet.

Lodha project



# Activities at a glance

Awareness and sensitization on Corona virus	Visiting to Lodha Para	Compiling success story
Making ration cards	Food Relief distribution	Collaboration with Ramakrishna Mission
Maintenance of the school of Lodha	Preparing TLMs	Segregation of reports for support documents
Making Masks	Packing of relief kits	Collaboration with Police and Panchayat
Staff meeting	Family survey	Monitoring with beneficiaries over phone
Identification of needy families	Parents Meeting at Lodhapara	Meeting with Child club members

Date	Items Distributed	No of families	Distributed By	Location
15 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020	Rice, Potatoes, Pulses, Salt, Cooking oil, Masalas, Puff rice Dettol soap, Mask	25	KMWSC	Lodha & Samsad No. 120 in Radhakrishnapur village
4 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	Rice, Potatoes, Pulses, Salt, Soyabeans, Cooking oil, Masalas, Dettol soap, Mask	100	KMWSC	Lodha & Samsad No. 120 in Radhakrishnapur village
7 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	Potatoes, Pulses, Cooking oil, Lifebuoy soap, Puffed rice, Masalas	35	Ramkrishna Mission Asharam Manasadwip	Lodha
18 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	Rice, Potatoes, Pulses, Salt, Soyabeans , Cooking oil, Soap, Mask	125	KMWSC	Lodha & 4 Samsads in Radhakrishnapur village



Solar project



# Activities at a glance

Solar Lights distribution

Corona relief kits distributed

Monitoring over phone

Compiling of Vouchers and report

Home visit from June onwards

Packing of Relief kits

Meeting with Panchayat

Distribution of dry food reliefs by Government and NGOs

# **Our Support**

Date	Items Distributed	No of families	Location
30 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020	Rice, Dal, Potatoes, Cooking oil, Dettol	20	Biprodaspur, Gosaba
	soap		
18 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	Rice, lentils, Potatoes, cooking oil,	50	Sambhunagar, Gosaba
	salt, onion, soap and Soya chunks.		
12 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Rice, dal (lentils), potatoes, cooking oil packet, salt, onions, soaps, soya chunks, masalas, mosquito nets, mats, dhoti, saree, blanket, tarpaulin sheets, clothes, utensils, buckets, Cookies, nutrition bars and poha packets	250	Sambhunagar, Gosaba

# Lighting up the Lives



Date	Items Distributed	No of families	Location
29 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	Solar Lamps	10	Pathankhali, Gosaba
13 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Solar Lamps	10	Sambhunagar, Gosaba



Skills Development Project













# Activities during the lockdown at a glance

Tutorials on course

Tutorials on mask making

Field Visit in June

Meeting of beneficiaries/parent

Date entry and Compilation

Food Relief distribution

Identification of needy families

Home visit over phone

Online classes

Distribution of Sanitary napkins

Date	Items Distributed	No of families	Distributed By	Location
19 <sup>th</sup> of April 2020	Rice, potatoes, Pulses, Cooking oil packet, Dettol soap	6	KMWSC	KMWSC
1st of May 2020	Rice, potatoes, Pulses, Cooking oil packet, Dettol soap	12	KMWSC	KMWSC



# Child Rights Project



# Project activities at a glance

Earth Day Network celebration

Packing of relief kits

CNCP cases and child marriage was registered

**CBOs Meeting** 

Awareness campaigns

Home visit

Communicated with Gram Pradhan

Formation of children's club

**Case Intervention** 

CPW team conducted drawing, poem and essay competitions

Shared Helplines issued by Govt and Caritas India

Awareness rally ban on child labour

# Creating awareness on Child Rights and Protection through Help Desk

Date	Village
3 <sup>rd</sup> of June 2020	Ghozadanga/Prasunokati
5 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Kolapata/Paikardanga
6 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Shibati
8 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Maddha Akharpur/nakuadaha
10 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Sangrampur
15 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Banaibou
16 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Itinda

The Child Protection Workers of KMWSC kept Child Protection Desk, awareness sessions was given and distributed posters and leaflets containing information on child rights, child labour, Right to Education act, helpline number, child line number for the people to build up the rapport with the community and also to contact the Child Protection Workers for any cases related to children.







# Major activities implemented by partners

- Dry food Relief distribution by KMWSC
- Cleaning and Sanitization of the community roadways
- Dry Relief distribution to adolescents' boys & girls in collaboration with Jagori OBR India
- Enlisting the names of the vulnerable families and those who had not received any relief from the government & other NGOs
- Awareness on COVID-19 by the Children Club with the community.
- Case intervention of one child marriage case and reported to childline and gram pradhan.
- Home visit by childrens club after super cyclone Amphan impact in their GP and reported to CPW.
- Packing of dry food relief kits for beneficiaries and adolescents boys & girls

Date	Items Distributed	No of families	Distributed By	Location
19 <sup>th</sup> of May 2020	Rice 3kgs, Potatoes 2 kgs, 1 soap, soyabean packet, salt 1 kg , puffed rice pkt, 50 gm turmeric powder , jeera powder and chilli powder	154	KMWSC	3 GPs Sangrampur, Gaccha and Akharpur
30/05/2020	Rice 3kgs, Potatoes 2 kgs, 1 soap, soyabean packet, salt 1 kg , puffed rice pkt, 50 gm turmeric powder , jeera powder and chilli powder	187	KMWSC	2 GPs Itinda Panitore



## **Celebrations**



Earth Day Network Date: 6.6.2020

Our CPW team with panitore & shibati children's club members planted trees in their area and discussed about world environment day. The children were given introduction with the basic child rights. It was the first time that the children were informed about their rights. When the purpose of EDN was shared the children were getting more interest. All these activities were new for these children at Basirhat. The children were excited about the environment, were eagerly waiting to plant the trees in their houses. The teachers were supportive and cooperative to conduct the awareness creation to the children on environment.

# World day Against Child Labour

Date: 12.6.2020

Awareness rally ban on child labour on child rights and child protection: was organized during this quarter in Merudandi. The various topics were discussed on the rights and protection of the children, child protection issues, child labour, drop out, and help line numbers to be contacted. In addition, the children were made aware of the use of the emergency toll free number 1098 in the villages. The community people culminated in a joyful question and answer session with the local people.



# **Advocacy and Networking**

#### Corporate Social Responsibility with

**Keventers** 

**Indigo Airlines** 

**ITC Limited** 

National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP)

Webinar date: 14.05.2020

Network meeting with WBPCR on increase of cyber crimes

Webinar date: 02.05.2020

Network meeting with Campaign Against Child
Labour West Bengal Chapter

# **Webinars**

Webinar Date: 08.05.2020

Network meeting with Cyber Peace foundation

Webinar date: 14.05.2020

Network meeting with Jagori on Covid Rights and Plight of Migrant workers in India



# Food distribution pictures

# Anti-Human Trafficking Project-Diamond Harbor





**Brickfield Project** 





**Lotus Child Project** 





Hidden Domestic Child Labour Project







# **Red Light Area Project**





Lodha Project





**Solar Project** 





Child Rights Project



# Newspaper clippings

















# **Dear Friends**

The Corona Pandemic has left the entire country in massive crisis. During this difficult time, KMWSC is continuously fighting against Hunger by reaching out to the under privileged families under our projects through the help of your simple act of kindness towards humanity.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of all our beneficiaries for joining with us in this fight for thanking you all, our dear

# Funders, Donors and Well- wishers

We keep praying for you and for your family's safety during this pandemic time.

Keep healthy and stay safe!

