

SDG report 2020

Goal 1 : No poverty



Summary of Improvements

The various projects undergone during this past academic year have focused on helping local communities, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have access to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, appropriate new technology and financial services. The projects focus on assessing current economic challenges, particularly challenges to sustainable income generation, and later co-designing appropriate technological and non-technological interventions that meet the needs of the designated rural communities.

Project 1 is about the donation (13 crore INR) done by the Chancellor of Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham to help Corona affected.

Project 2 aimed to strengthen the weaker section of society to fight the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Project 3 focused on reaching out to Monitor Rural Communities' Wellbeing during COVID-19 Pandemic

Project Highlights

Amrita Chancellor Donates ₹13 Crores to Help Corona-Affected

Mata Amritanandamayi Math to donate Rs 13 crore for COVID-19 relief

[thehindianews.com/story/2020/apr/13/mata-amritanandamayi-math-to-donate-rs-13-crore-for-covid-19-relief-2129536.htm](https://www.thehindianews.com/story/2020/apr/13/mata-amritanandamayi-math-to-donate-rs-13-crore-for-covid-19-relief-2129536.htm)



Mata Amritanandamayi (Photo: D Sampath Kumar, EPS)

By Express News Service

KOLLAM: The Mata Amritanandamayi Math has said it is donating Rs 13 crore to combat COVID-19 and help those affected by the lockdown. The Math will also provide free care to COVID-19 patients at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences (Amrita Hospital) in Kochi.

While Rs 10 crore will go to the central government's PM CARES Fund, Rs 3 crore will go to the Kerala government's Chief Minister's Distress Relief Fund, the Math said in a release here.

"Seeing the entire world hurting and crying in pain, my heart is aching deeply," Amma said in the statement. "Let us all pray for the souls who have succumbed to this pandemic, for the mental peace of their families and friends, for the peace of the world, and for God's grace."

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At Amma's request, Amrita University and Amrita Hospital have set up a mental-health hotline (0475 280 5050), where people who are feeling stressed, anxious or depressed due to the pandemic and its ramifications can call to get free support.

Amrita Makes Mask to Fight the Outbreak of Coronavirus and distributes it free of cost to the weaker section of society



Year : 2020 Village: Meppadi, Kerala

In alignment with India's effort to curb the pandemic COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak, students and staff from Amrita Vishwa Vidyapeetham and AMMACHI Labs' Skill Development Center, Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) in Meppadi, Kerala, collectively stitched over 1000 face masks from the safety of their homes.

The design follows a recommended pattern advised by health experts. Along with the masks, a small amount of gloves were also made. With the help of AYUDH volunteers, (Awaken Youth; Unite for Dharma), the international youth movement of Mata Amritanandamayi Math, the masks and gloves were distributed to essential service locations such as gas stations and banks. They were also distributed to electrical workers and the police. Health officials and experts around the world are now advising the general public to wear face masks as a way to keep others safe. India, like many other countries, is amidst a 21-day lockdown to flatten the curve.

In November 2018, Ammachi Labs of Amrita Vishwa Vidyappetham was selected by the Government of India to be an implementing agency of the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) – Special Initiative project.

Amrita Students Reach Out to Monitor Rural Communities' Wellbeing during COVID-19 Pandemic



Year: 2020

Amrita MSW (Master of Social Work) students reached out to impoverished SHG women in Kerala communities to monitor wellbeing during the COVID-19 lockdown.

In the midst of the current global pandemic, India's national lockdown and measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 have been effective thus far, albeit at a cost, particularly among women of rural India. In order to gain a better understanding of the immediate impacts of the pandemic and lockdown, a phone survey was conducted among about 400 below-the-poverty-line women members of self-help groups in Kerala to assess the situation of their households. The great majority of households reported extreme declines in income and employment. Distribution of free rice rations seems to be working effectively, but most respondents did not report receiving monetary transfers from the government. This AMMACHI Labs study demonstrates how universities may engage their students in tackling contemporary social issues by offering them opportunities to translate their learned classroom knowledge to practical, real-world settings.