In the face of Covid-19, India had to make the bold call for a complete lockdown to contain the spread of the virus. However, this also meant that millions of daily wage laborers across the country would be left without access to food. In Ahmedabad, hundreds of thousands of people depend entirely on daily wages to provide for their loved ones. Manav Sadhna was moved to act immediately to prevent hunger and feed as many families in need as possible. Despite the devastation caused by this unprecedented crisis, it has indeed brought out an abundance of compassion and love, giving us a glimpse into the best of humanity. We continued the relief work for a few months even after the lockdown ended in response to the need.

We have distributed a total of 26,635 grocery kits reaching susceptible households in just about every marginalized locality in the city.

An average kit included 4 kg rice, 1 kg dal (lentils) and 1 kg kathol (pulses), 2 kg wheat flour and 1 L oil.

Such extensive relief was only been possible because of the tireless commitment of our karyakartas and volunteers from various communities, who are nominally surviving themselves. They took the initiative to self-organize, survey localities known to them, organize friends and transportation to collect groceries from MS. They helped decentralize the process of preparing kits to maintain social distancing. Our entire team practiced responsible safety measures and precautions (wearing face masks and gloves, carrying sanitizer, constantly washing hands and maintaining distance) to prevent risk to themselves or anyone else.

**Gratitude**

We are grateful for your generosity, compassion and call to action during such a critical time. Your contribution has helped us feed those in need. Let us continue to join hands, care for those less fortunate than ourselves and send prayers of love into the world for the well-being and good health of all.
26,635 Total Grocery Kits Distributed (March 26 - July 1, 2020)
13,900 Phase 1 (March 26 - April 4)
12,735 Phase 2 (April 20 - July 1)

26,635 Total families served

1,18,179 Total individuals served

32,60,540 Total meals served* (*This also includes warm meals for stranded migrant laborers and those served in community-based open kitchens)

1,735 Total kits donated to AMC for quarantined families in need

21 Number of local organizations and community kitchens we have supported
Everyday Youth Heroes

Though the devastating uncertainty of Covid-19 has led the world into an unprecedented crisis, it has also brought out an abundance of compassion and love, giving us a glimpse into the best of humanity. Manav Sadhna’s relief efforts across Ahmedabad to ensure that the vulnerable do not go hungry during this lockdown would not have been possible without the support of countless souls, both donors and sevaks (volunteers).

We have innumerable inspiring stories of MS youth from various communities, who are nominally surviving themselves. Yet they are moved to serve those less fortunate. They have taken the initiative to self-organize, survey localities known to them, organize friends and transportation to collect groceries from MS. They have helped decentralize the process of preparing kits to maintain social distancing. The young leaders have distributed the kits house-to-house, practicing safety measures and documenting their outreach. Through the selfless service of these everyday youth heroes we have provided for more than 7,000 families.

*This is one of the many stories of volunteers helping MS distribute more than 13,900 grocery kits (more than one million or 10 lakh meals) to families in need across Ahmedabad.*
The Yuva Mandal (Youth Group) of Parikshitnagar, a small low-income community just near the Gandhi Ashram, pooled their own money and started collecting funds from their neighborhood to run a daily kitchen. MS has provided them with the dry groceries as they use their collection to buy fresh vegetables and cover the cost of cooking and transport. The group decided to prepare a different daily menu with wholesome meals other than kichadi. One part of the team identifies needy localities, one takes care of purchasing and transport and the other prepares the food. This team of nine youth feed close to 600 people daily. They even offer chai and ganthiya to police officers as a gesture of gratitude.
As our volunteers share with their loved ones about MS relief efforts and grocery distribution, the spirit has rippled into countless others joining us to serve the underprivileged and hungry. One such story is that of Bhikabhai, the beloved driver of MS. His brother and in-laws both took the initiative to survey and identify those who have no means for food in the low-income communities around them. This led to finding an entire cluster of rag-picking women, mostly elderly widows and single mothers, in a relegated community in Gomtipur, which is situated on the edge of the city. We have distributed over 30 kits to these families who have had no access to food since the lockdown.
Late one night our community worker Arunaben received an urgent call for help from Sangeetaben, who along with her husband sells used clothes in a second-hand market. The family survives entirely on daily wages. Their five children used to receive one proper meal through the Anganwadi mid-day meal program, while the couple sustained on tea and dry toast. When they earned, they would buy groceries and cook dinner for the family. With the lockdown, Sangeetaben has no way to earn and the children do not have access to the mid-day meal program. It had been three days since the family had eaten. Arunaben was able to respond to Sangeetaben's plea for help by providing the family with groceries.