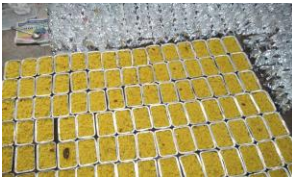


The SB Foundation /STIFTELSEN BRÖDET

Newsletter to friends and supporters

June 2020



The premises of the School for Blind Students are used for cooking and preparation of food packets which are distributed by the school staff in a poor area.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Raj, the administrator of the SB Foundation's work in Cooch Behar, writes that the situation in India is awful because people have lost their income at the same time as they live in insecurity for their health; it is difficult to see people suffer, the country has been thrown 30 years back in time during the corona crisis. He also writes that it has become unbearable to follow TV and social media where every day they talk about people dying in the streets, children crying close to their mother's or father's dead body without getting any help. Cooch Behar is in the region West Bengal in India, which together with the neighbor country Bangladesh were recently severely hit by the hurricane Amphan. As for the West Bengal's part it was worst in and around the regional capital Kolkata where 12 people died, about a thousand trees were toppled and many houses were leveled. And after the hurricane came a heavy rain.

Raj recently received a phone call from a man in a poor area with much prostitution. There are 300 families with many children. The man appealed for food to the families and especially for the younger children. Raj did not dare to promise anything before confirming economic support from the SB Foundation. Being certain about the Foundation's continued and increased support, he has now got names and ages of the children, and the school has started to get necessary food for the children, and they planned, already during the very week to buy and distribute rations of food to the families.

In connection with the Muslim Ending of the Ramadan, the School for Blind Students distributed food to a poor Muslim area in Cooch Behar. The inhabitants did not know whom to turn to. They were surprised, but happy and thankful for the help from the school at the same time as they wondered how come the help came from a Christian school and not from the Muslim mosque.

Thank you for your valuable help.

The SB Foundation and members of the Board, Arne, Elisabeth, Ivar, Lena, Roger



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