

PROJECT- MASKS MAKING BY SAHYOG LIVELIHOOD CENTERS DURING COVID 19

Oxigen-Sahyog in partnership with Chorus Call, Mask Making at Livelihood Centers & Free Distribution

While the whole world is fighting the deadly Corona virus, a set of women from one of our other Live skill livelihood center at village Puttamraju Kandriga, Andhra Pradesh have come forward to lend a helping hand to its people with support from Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation by preparing face masks to do their part in combating the virus from spreading.

Around 9 women from village are engaged in the mask making job while being at home. The initiative was started on 16 April 2020 as the women participated in stitching and making homemade cloth masks as per the instructions. LSLP center supported this group by providing necessary raw material for this noble initiative. Within ten days, the group of women had stitched more than 500 good quality masks and distributed them among villagers, to some health workers and small-time shopkeepers. "After we completed with the distribution process in our village, we will supply the masks to nearby villages, rural police officials and others," Said Rajesh Coordinator at LSLP center runs by Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation

Understanding the situation that now many people need masks, but it's not available sufficiently. Oxigen is trying to help people in their difficult time by making masks along, our tailoring Instructor is also training and inspiring other women in the Village to learn & Stitch mask at home with or without sewing machine and to do such a good deed.

Running short of cloth due to lockdown team is now trying to make arrangements for raw material, required for mask making till then women will be using all the waste cloth they had left at home, like old sarees or dhotis after washing, drying them in sunlight and sanitizing to prepare masks.

Further, Oxigen & Sahyog Foundation CSR team through its coordinator at Village Puttamraju Kandriga has also created a Whatsapp Group for Villagers, Sarpanch, local SHGs, women & adopted farmers. Through this Whatsapp group we are trying to sensitize villagers about COVID-19 Pandemic, Its Do's & Don'ts, importance of Social Distancing and also the various advisories being issued by State/Central Government.

The local population has welcomed the initiative, and Sarpanch of these villages is ensuring that people adhere to guidelines issued by the Government from time to time.

Together in fight against COVID-19

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