

Dampura School Newsletter

June 2020

CFDC's child sponsorship program is underway. Donors are covering the full cost of educating the students to break the cycle of poverty and help the community.



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A note from CFDC

Welcome to the CFDC Dampura School newsletter June 2020. Thank you for your continued support in helping make the changes summarised in this update.

For new readers a bit of background, CFDC started work with Dampura School in 2015, supporting 250 children between the ages of 5-14 attend school and situated in a small farming community in the state of Gujarat, India. The average income for most families is between 150-200 rupees a day (equivalent to £1.70-£2.30) working as farmers or labourers. When we started work with the school the only reason for parents to send their children to school was for the midday meal, saving them the cost of feeding another child. Much has changed since that time!

Our support network includes CFDC, the teachers at Dampura School, and of course you.

The last three months have been very challenging.

Pandemic 2020

This has been a very difficult time for us all in India. On March 23rd Lockdown was imposed across the country which forced us to close our school.

The whole world is battling with this pandemic and unfortunately it has also affected the rural areas of Gujarat. We implemented our own social distancing rules in Dampura which was difficult but great to see most people adhered to it.

We continue to provide classes to groups of children using mobiles phones, but this is challenging. The school regularly provides food rations to parents so that the children who were attending school mainly for a meal continue to have at least one decent meal a day.

Our Sanitary pad program for the girls has continued and we have delivered each of them with supplies for three months in advance.

We have also started a new initiative to supply PPE equipment to policemen, health workers, and patients admitted to hospital.

Deed to Feed's program to feed the homeless changed direction slightly as the government were handing out food rations to these communities, which includes; rice, oil, sugar, dal, tea, turmeric, chilies etc., so we started to supply milk to all the families instead.

