



## A diary note

Hope you recall the ‘Making an Impact’ Article-214, in which the details about the activity of contacting 1,14,339 destitute families was explained. The program envisages contacting destitute people of more than 60 years of age and supporting them with needy convergences. This was done by 2176 resource persons during the last 4 weeks. Given below is one experience shared by a resource person about her experience while contacting the

families over phone.

“Support to destitute families made an impact ..

Ammini, resident of Mazhuvannoor Panchayath of Ernakulam district, a destitute family member belonging to ‘Destitute Free Kerala Programme’ is a cancer patient. She, who has only two daughters, depend on a hospital in Kottayam for her treatment. They



received a call from us as part of the elderly support program when they were unable to buy medicines due to lock down for 6 days.

When we came to know about the crisis faced by them to buy medicines, we informed the CDS Chairperson and she informed the doctor at Primary Health Centre. Though medicine was not available at PHC, the doctor arranged medicines for two months from the Palliative Care System functioning at Community Health Centre (CHC) at Kadayiruppu. This support system initiated by Kudumbashree indeed became a boon for Ammini.. The sparkle we saw in Ammini's eyes

when we handed over the medicines would act as our energy to take these activities forward....”

All resource persons had done activities like these and had shared more than 1000+ memoirs about their experiences. This experience is only one among those writeups. I just thought of sharing it here as an appreciation for the effort of our team. Appreciations to the Kudumbashree team including resource persons, who extended support to destitute people through such activities. This support system has become one of the best activities of Kudumbashree that had brought in greatest satisfaction during this covid season.