

## **A report on distribution of the donation amount given to Nirjala Craft**

### **Background**

In December 2019, there were news of people being infected by a new virus called the Corona virus in China. The virus quickly spread around the world and we got to know about the first case in Nepal on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020. Shortly after, Nepal went into lockdown for almost 4months from 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March to 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July 2020. These four months were very challenging for everyone and Nirjala Craft family was no exception. Our artisans were forced to use the savings that they had made while working at Nirjala Craft to fulfill their basic needs during lockdown. This meant our artisans had to face a huge loss since they had to use their saving. They had saved the money for different reasons like rebuilding their house which was damaged during earthquake, they had saved the money for their children's education, to pay house rents and many more. But all their savings were used up during the lockdown making their life even more difficult than it already was. After the lockdown, thankfully we had orders that we needed to deliver and so we were able to provide some help and hope to our artisans. As soon as the lockdown was over, we distributed Rs 2000 and 25kgs of rice bags to all our artisans with the help of Akar through Manushi. But that was all we could manage at that time to help our artisans. We slowly increased our orders and helped our artisans to cover up for their losses during lockdown. And recently when Andrea had visited our company, she told us about the donation program, and we filled the form for a request. Thankfully our request got accepted and we received the donation of €5000 which was Rs719,600. We immediately made preparation for distribution of the donation as we had planned previously, and the plan was as follows.

### **Donation plan**

- We gave 25kgs of rice bag which was of Rs 2000 in actual but since it was bulk buy, we got it for Rs 1800 only and Rs 1500 cash to buy LP Gas cylinders making it a total of Rs 3300 to 50 artisans. So, our final total was Rs 165,000.
- We distributed salary of 2 months to 15 of our artisans which was pending due to lockdown and the total amount was Rs 595,600.

- The total of the two expenses (Rs 165,000+ Rs 595600) makes Rs 760,600 which is Rs 41,000 more than the donation amount, so Nirjala Craft added the amount to cover the expenses.

## **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the donation helped each artisan at Nirjala Craft to face the difficulty in terms of finance. The donation became more useful since soon after the distribution, our government announced lockdown of 2 weeks in the valley for second wave of the virus spread which means the artisans again could not work as they used to before. So, each and everyone at Nirjala Craft is very grateful to the organization for the donation since it proved to be very useful at the right time.