

The COVID rates are rising fast here. Today extra lockdowns were declared, but most people are oblivious to the situation. Many are unemployed now, teachers in many charity type schools and daily wage earners are not getting work or pay and many people are not getting food for days. Many well off people have laid off their maids and drivers with no pay and shut themselves up in large houses, ordering home delivery of the week's food etc. from the up market supermarkets.

In our area, most are poor, but those who do have a little are sharing and kids can be seen running around with plates of rice and dal. Our church is continuing with food parcels

.... managed to get donors to agree to diverting funds for seminars which cannot now take place into getting 1000 food parcels... to the poor village areas in the Diocese.

Churches can open here now but, as our church is small, we are not opening as, if everyone rushed in it would be hard to control. No children or those over 55 are allowed. Padre does an online service every Friday and Sunday.

I have been helping to prepare homework packs for children with no internet, I have prepared over 400 packs of worksheets including pencils, sharpeners, crayons, Bible pictures and packets of sweets!

I mostly stay in, but go for an early morning walk in a nearby park and go with a taxi, to the bank, internet recharge shop and chemist.

I eat meals [with the family where I stay so that I would not need to go to the bazaar for food.

Kids here are all ... flying kites