

## **Nutritious Dry Ration Packs to Mothers, and Mothers to be**

Covid -19 virus effected all the countries in the world. Many people died and some are suffering from it. Other people in the world are living in fear of it. Governments took every possible measure to protect the people from this deadly pandemic, called Corona.

Sri Lanka government also followed the same line, and people are restricted into their houses. Well-to-do people can find ways to buy necessary food items while staying at homes, because some sellers are coming near the houses. Some of them can order food items from the supermarkets to deliver them to their houses. Now, almost five weeks under curfew so that, even they have faced problem to get nutritious foods as they wish.

Under this situation, the people who have no permanent jobs, and depend on ad hoc ways of earning money have faced difficulties to continue their life. These people are living in shanty houses throughout the country. There are so many such poor people are living along the mount Lavinia beach, in Sri Lanka where Ven. Senior Prof. Dhammajothi's temple located. One week ago, Ven. Dhammajothi, donated around nine hundred dry rations packets to these people with the help of some of his foreign students. This time, Ven, decided to help to **pregnant women and mothers with children under age 6**, providing nutritious food and dry ration packets.

Ven, Dhammajothi requested some of his students, to support these children and women who are ready to give birth to an infant. The first food pack was handed over to a mother with a child, by the Most Ven. Kotugoda Dhammavasa, the Supreme Patriarch of the Amarapura Sect in Sri Lanka, who is the teacher of Ven, Dhammajothi, and residing in the same temple in Mount Lavinia, near the beach. More than four hundred dry ration packets were donated to mothers and those who are ready to be mothers.

Kofi Annan said: **grownups have failed the world's children by allowing, malnutrition, disease, and abuse.**

The children are the treasure of a country. They should be protected and looked after well. If a country having physically weak children, its nation will also be weak in future. Once a deity came near the Buddha, and questioned him: **what is the wealth of people? (kimsu vatthu**

**manussanam).** The Buddha's reply was: **children are the wealth of people (puttavatthu manussanam. S,1. 82).** So, people do anything to make live their sons and daughters. When children are crying asking for food, poor parents will engage even in anti-social acts to feed them. Hence, this food donation will help these people, at least two weeks' time, to survive with their most loving children. This is a far seen great job done by the Ven, Dhammajothi with the help of his foreign students and friends. These donors may have unmeasurable merits for their generosity. May they live long with health, wealth and prosperity. May the Buddha bless them, their jobs, Business, and education.

**May the noble triple gem bless you all**

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