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2020 has been an unprecedented year including the critical COVID crisis, racial/political unrest and natural disasters. TCF continues to focus on peoples needs and help where it can. **Due to the COVID crisis, the annual talent show and gala dinner will not be held this year and we therefore, ask you for your kind donations to be made to the address or URL located at the bottom of this letterhead.**

Some highlights form 2020 featured below:

Feminine Hygiene Program:



During January/February 2020, TCF initiated and executed the very successful Feminine Hygiene Program whereby young women were educated and coached regarding feminine and menstrual hygiene/best practices. During these events in Habra, Hotar and Uttaran, sanitary pads were also distributed. The initiative was well received and covered by Ananda Bazar Patrika.

<https://www.anandabazar.com/state/the-toronto-calcutta-foundation-tcf-launched-a-new-feminine-hygiene-program-dgtl-1.1105894>

COVID Food Drive: TCF has tried to address issues of food insecurity in India as well as Canada. TCF has donated \$1000 to Flemingdon Food Bank during the COVID-19 pandemic. We saw that demand from food banks was on the rise, and we pledge to continue to support this important issue.

In India during the COVID -19 lockdown, TCF funded a Food Drive Program in Hotar, Bengal to supply approximately 2,600 food bags assisting 10,000 needy villagers through five food drives.



Cyclone Repairs: Cyclone Amphan has seriously impacted the Sunderbans area and homes have been destroyed, crops destroyed and salt water from the sea has backed up into the farmlands, rendering them useless. TCF has made it a priority to help in the short-term by augmenting public grants to rebuild huts and in the mid-to-long term assessing/supporting farmers.

TCF Coaching Classes and Ghutiari Sharif Pre-school
TCF continued free coaching classes during the first half of 2020 for students from the economically disadvantaged families in the areas of Hotar and Habra, West Bengal. 60 girls and 60 boys were coached with excellent results.

Ghutiari Sarif pre-school is still going strong for ages 3-6 wiyears. TCF provides uniforms, school supplies, school bags, clothing and free breakfast

2020 Eye Camps: Between July 2019 and July 2020, TCF has funded and executed 31 Eye Camps where 5784 patients were treated throughout the Bengal region. Over 4660 patients received free eye glasses and many were referred to local hospitals for cataract treatment.

