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Statement of Continued Support:

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Centre reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours.

We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Thank you and Personal Regards,



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About Kalam Centre:

Kalam Centre strives to create and implement mission-mode projects along with the mission and vision of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam (1931-2015), the 11th President of India. It aims to promote innovations, especially in governance and social enterprises, enhance youth participation in national and international development and improve access to education and knowledge across various stratum of society. The Centre stands to take forward the dreams of Dr. Kalam, which he left behind for the nation and world – right up to his very final moment at IIM Shillong.

Kalam Centre aims to empower the young minds of the nation with the power of knowledge and reignite the passion to do good for the nation and for the world. The Centre operates the world's largest free library movement – Kalam Library Project which encompasses over 450 free libraries spread across 15 states of India and reaching out to over 500,000 underprivileged children.

The Centre has organized five International Conclaves on Livable Planet as an annual Summit and Awards. It has also conducted three editions of summit and awards on Innovation in Governance space – under the banner of Dr. Kalam Innovation in Governance Awards or KIGA.

Kalam Centre is also the world's largest NGO on social media with over 23 lakh volunteers and followers connected to us digitally from across the world. You may view them here: www.facebook.com/kalamcentre



Highlights of Activities and Initiatives:

The year 2020 has witnessed one of the greatest challenges in human history. As the Novel Coronavirus pandemic continues to loom over the world, the health care systems of the countries have endured insurmountable pressure. COVID-19 pandemic has grappled the entire world in its tentacles as the nation continues to battle against the deadly virus. The team at Kalam Centre pledged to become the ray of hope for the vulnerable sections of the society during this time of uncertainty.

Pre-Lockdown (Feb - Mar 2020)

Even before the first case of COVID-19 was reported in India, we were constantly raising awareness about the coronavirus. Our CEO even wrote articles in national dailies (English and Hindi) regarding the impending danger of this 'supervirus.'

Lockdown (Mar - July 2020)

When India entered into a nation-wide lockdown, thousands of migrant workers were left without income, shelter and food. Through Kalam Community Kitchen, we reached out to these migrant workers and their families in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Telangana and Uttar Pradesh. These kitchens were inaugurated by Dr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice-Chairman, NITI Aayog, Nobel Laureate Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Sonam Wangchuk and Dr. Naresh Trehan. To date, we have distributed one-month ration kits benefitting over 65,000 people and served cooked meals to about 500,000 cooked meals. We also extended our support to stray animals including dogs, cats and cattle.

As the coronavirus expanded its tentacles across the globe, so was the misinformation related to it. To combat this "misinformation virus", we produced a series of educational videos which were then shared over our social media platforms.

Closure of schools and colleges led to disruption in education of students. As a part of our effort towards continuation of teaching and learning during this time, we invite top-notch speakers from different domains including NASA astronaut Sunita Williams, Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma (Retd.), Dr. Sonam Wangchuk and many more to talk about their ideas for the future. These were live online sessions that were attended by thousands from across the globe.

Post Re-opening (Sept 2020 - Feb 2021)

Kalam Centre also extended its services and created employment opportunities for local women in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, who took charge of the Kalam Kitchen. Local youths were engaged in the distribution of meals daily, thereby generating employment.



Blood banks were facing a severe shortage of blood due to restricted movement of people. We organized several blood donation camps in Gujarat. 65 units of blood were collected through these camps.

The COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting economic impacts have negatively affected many people's mental health. To inspire positivity among the youth, the Kalam Digital School was launched (www.kalamschool.in). This is the world's first free of cost digital platform with a digitized character of Dr. Kalam as Principal. This was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben Patel.

2nd wave (Mar 2021 - May 2021)

The second wave of the pandemic overwhelmed the healthcare system, leaving doctors struggling to cope with the surge in cases. During these testing times, we initiated a COVID-19 Support Center on social media through #CoviBuddy. We mobilized 50 young doctors, 5 of them used to be on regular social media rounds answering queries on Koo in local languages.

We also trained 400 volunteers who constantly monitored #CoviBuddy on various platforms and assisted people in getting medicines, hospital beds and oxygen cylinders. Through the support center's helpline number, we also supported SOS calls of people who were not on social media. Over 8,000 queries were responded to by the team and #CoviBuddy was trending #1 on social media on many occasions.

We also opened two Kalam Libraries across COVID quarantine centers to ensure the psychological healing of patients affected by COVID-19.

Post-2nd wave (Jun 2021 onwards)

One of the biggest challenges now is the process of rehabilitation of those impacted by the crisis. This includes, employment creation and supporting those children who lost one or both parents to COVID. We have already extended extensive scholarships to those students who have lost parent(s) to COVID19 under the COVIHOPE scholarship.

In partnership with Reliance Jio, we are now setting up Srijan School which is the world's first no-cost digital school for underprivileged learners whose learning is impacted by the pandemic. This would be impacting over 15 crore children in rural India.

