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Respected Yediyurappa ji,

**Sub:** Submission of suggestions received from Resident Welfare Association (RWA) members of Bengaluru on measures to be taken during easing down of Covid19 lockdown, for your kind consideration.

Namma Bengaluru Foundation on 30th April 2020 had organised a video conference for over 140 RWAs and NGOs of Bengaluru with me - to discuss the challenges being faced now in Covid19 lockdown period and suggestions for post lockdown period.

We had a very fruitful discussion and the RWA members have provided valuable suggestions to address these challenges.

The following are the key suggestions received, that the RWA members have requested the government to consider for implementation:

1. Most importantly, RWA to be involved in the post Lockdown period and request that BBMP involve them in planning and monitoring social distancing and other Safety protocols in their neighbourhoods. RWAs may be included in WDMCs.
2. BBMP now has set up Ward Disaster Management Cells (WDMCs). To function effectively, specially to serve the struggling poor better, they have to compile credible database of all the vulnerable migrant workers, the homeless, unorganised sector workers and daily wagers. This database should be put up in public domain. RWAs/Citizen groups of the wards can coordinate with WDMCs to create the database and ensure transparent, accountable working of the WDMCs in supplying ration kits, cooked food, social security etc., to the poor and vulnerable.
3. WDMCs with RWAs should monitor functioning of essential services, health services and create awareness among people, especially the vulnerable.
4. Social security to the poor must be ensured. Provide immediate economic relief with deposits into Jandhan Yojana accounts. Provide Universal basic income. Ensure rental housing allowance or accommodate poor in government schools. Food kits that can feed the family for one month after the lockdown should be provided.
5. All Primary Health Centres in all 198 wards must be kept open. Provide access to all, especially the poor, migrant/construction workers including pregnant the regular treatment and medicines. Treat the poor with sensitivity.

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6. Install Video Cameras to identify law violators. Ban pan, gutka and such products which makes people spit on roads. Spitting in public places should be heavily fined. Government/BBMP officials are to be present on the ground constantly to monitor and help people.
7. Wearing of masks and gloves compulsory for street vendors. Designate fixed places. Maintain 10 Mts distance between pushcarts. Buying time between 10:00am to 5:00pm. Only adults to buy. WDMCs with RWAs should monitor.
8. All public places to be disinfected regularly.
9. Public distribution system (PDS) to be made open to all. Along with PDS stores, use Anganwadi's, Indira Canteen to distribute food items. Make vegetables, cooking oil and other essentials available at these points.
10. Create continuous awareness on social distancing, wearing masks, government facilities, rules and regulations, and other concepts for people, especially for the poor. TV medium should have dedicated time slots.
11. Corporate workers to work in 3 shifts for 6 months after lockdown. Guidelines for work from home, work at office and transport are needed. Guidelines for transportation – intra and inter district, especially for daily travelling workforce is required.
12. Confine traffic in the post lockdown phase to the main arterial roads only. Barricade internal roads to prevent short cuts being used by commuters to prevent chances of traffic blockades and spread of infections.
13. Provide mobile dispensaries at public places like bus stands to do random health checking.

The safety and wellbeing of our city will depend heavily on citizens participation and support. May I request your kind self to consider these important suggestions from RWAs and NGOs.

Sincerely,

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