

## **Case Study**

M. Srinivas of Machamara – A physically challenged, aged about – 32 years is a DPO member of SAMARTH, Gajapati and being as a PRI – Ward Member facilitating for enabling the other vulnerable people including persons with Disabilities in his operational area to access the entitlements from government and also advocating for the rights for him as well as for other PwD members.

Since joining as a member in SAMARTH he has a zeal and commitment to work for the people and serve for the people who are in difficulties and who are depriving to access their entitlements. He is organizing sensitization programs in his constitutional area for the vulnerable community / persons with disabilities on various social security schemes of Government and also disseminating the information on the provisions of gram panchayat towards the skill development options and also livelihood opportunities for the people of his locality.

In the continuation of his personal engagement and sincerity he has accelerated his intervention for the sustainable development of the people even in the emergency time like TITILE cyclone and now in the pandemic situation of COVID-19. He has sacrificed his personal interest during the critical situation when the people of the area are suffered with difficulties. When Government has declared completely lockdown due to rapid transmission of infection due to COVID-19 all people have locked themselves in their home without any movement outside. During this situation he has sacrificed himself for the people to encourage them without any panic also oriented the people on different personal



protection measures like social distancing, regular hand wash with soap & sanitizer, use of face masks and motivated them to avoid the congregation.

As a PRI member he has enabled the community of his constituency to aware on the emergency support from State and Central Government like advance pension for 4 months, advance PDS for 3 months, NFSA benefits, AAY benefits, Rs. 1500/- for labour card holders, special provision for pre-school children and school going children from 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> STD. Apart from this he has come forward to demonstrate on hand washing, wearing face masks, supplied face masks from his own contribution. He has also facilitated to provide cooked food for 620 persons in his locality including 7 persons with disabilities. He is having of knowledge of tailoring and he has stitched the masks of 400 nos and supplied to 120 members including the persons who are not able to purchase or not to move ahead due to his disability. He has facilitated to provide Rs. 1500/- for 150 labour card holders. 150 jan dhan

Mr. M. Srinivas is now an icon for the vulnerable community in extending his physical attention before the needy community and also reaching them who are in need to him as he himself as a physically challenged person. Being as a locomotor – physically challenged person he is not limited to his own ward constituency but beyond the ward he is extending his services for others in his gram panchayat and he is also well recognized in his panchayat as well as community in a large. He is maintaining a mobile repairing shop in his home town and from his earning he has supported to the needy community from his own earning towards stitching of masks. He has willingness to supply cooked / dry ration to all vulnerable communities of his gram panchayat basing on his own income but due to lockdown his own income is dislocated for last two months but however he has come forward with his own limitations.

