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Agewell Foundation's Latest Initiative

SOLAR-POWERED RELIEF: DISTRIBUTING SOLAR FANS & LAMPS

TO THE DESTITUTE & NEEDY ELDERLY LIVING IN SLUMS

An Environment and Elderly Friendly Initiative

Agewell Foundation has been distributing healthcare equipment (Wheelchairs, Adult diapers, Folding Cots, Walkers), Food Ration Packets, Wellness Kits, Nutri Kits, Gift Packs, and Woolens among the destitute elderly living in slum areas for the past 2 decades.

Given the harsh summer months ahead, Agewell Foundation has initiated a new project, "Solar-Powered Relief: Distributing Solar Fans & Lamps To The Destitute & Needy Elderly". This is an environment-friendly AND elderly friendly initiative.

Why was the project initiated?

India's summer months (May-August) bring extreme heat, with temperatures often exceeding 45°C in northern and central regions. Destitute and needy older persons, particularly those in slums, rural areas, or makeshift shelters, face severe challenges:

- Lack of Electricity Access: Over 20% of slum populations lack reliable electricity, leaving elderly individuals without lighting or cooling solutions.
- Health Risks: Prolonged exposure to heat increases the risk of heatstroke, dehydration, and respiratory issues, which are particularly dangerous for the elderly with limited mobility or chronic conditions.
- **Economic Barriers:** The cost of traditional fans, electricity, or battery-powered devices is prohibitive for the destitute elderly, who often survive on minimal or no income.
- Environmental Impact: Reliance on traditional electricity for lighting and cooling contributes to carbon emissions and air pollution, exacerbating climate change.

These challenges disproportionately affect older persons, with 47.5% of India's elderly facing abuse, neglect, or marginalization, as reported by Agewell Foundation. Without intervention, destitute elderly individuals remain vulnerable to life-threatening conditions during peak summer months.

Objectives of the Initiative

• **Provide Sustainable Relief:** Distribute solar-powered Fans and solar-powered lamps to destitute and needy older persons to ensure safe lighting and cooling during summer.

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- **Promote Environmental Sustainability:** Reduce reliance on electricity and cooling solutions, contributing to lower carbon emissions.
- Enhance Elderly Well-Being: Mitigate health risks associated with extreme heat, improving the quality of life and dignity for older persons.
- **Build Awareness:** Educate communities on the benefits of renewable energy and elderly care through outreach programs.

Target Beneficiaries

- **Primary Beneficiaries: Destitute and particularly disabled**, bedridden and elderly patients. Priority will be given to those in slums and government-sponsored shelters.
- Secondary Beneficiaries: Families and communities of the elderly, who will benefit from reduced energy costs and improved living conditions.

Project Components

- **Solar Fans:** Compact, solar-powered pedestal or table fans with rechargeable batteries, providing cooling for 6-8 hours daily.
- **Solar Lamps:** Portable, durable solar-powered LED lamps with a minimum 8-hour battery backup, suitable for nighttime use and power outages.

Cost per unit:

• INR 2,500/- for Solar Fan and Solar Lamp (After bulk procurement discounts)

We seek your continued generosity to help the Needy Elderly You can contribute through:

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