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### INVOLMENT WITH TRANSGENDERS

In the context of the Corona Virus and the Lockdown problems that affect all sections of society, some special attention was given to the Transgender group in two cities, namely, Chennai and Hyderabad.

1. The Montfort Community Development Society (MCDS) in Chennai reached out to about 100 Transgender persons living in one locality, and provided them with livelihood items, especially related to food requirements. The situation is grim without daily work. The MCDS is considering the possibilities of continued support.

The MCDS is a Social Work organisation of the Montfort Brothers involved in supporting the vulnerable sections and differently able people.

2. The Montfort Social Institute (MSI) based in Hyderabad works with the Transgender group organised as "Montfort Rainbows" since October 2019. To address the lockdown situation about 700 of them were provided with supplies of food materials. Self employment programs are being initiated to study alternative possibilities. "Montfort Rainbows" is an ongoing developmental program of Montfort Social Institute.

The MSI is a National Institute of the Brothers for Human Rights related issues functioning for the last 11 years. It is involved in a wide range of issues at the national and states levels.

Regarding the use of the emblem, you only know the context and purpose. In India alone we may have about 20+ organised entities, registered and otherwise, working for various types of disadvantaged children and others. This is in addition to the educational institutions based activities going beyond corporate social responsibilities concepts.

The Montfortian Education Foundation represents the congregation of the Frere de St. Gabriel worldwide. Now if your reference is only a one time representation of your report about the Transgender related issue in the context of the Pandemic, it could be of MCDS or MSI. Please go ahead as you think best. Hope I have understood your communication.

Sorry for the delay to you request. I wanted to get the responses from the concerned parties since the issue of Transgender is quiet new. There are not many Catholic agencies working in this sector, except raising these issues on many forums.

Perhaps we have to bring many issues to the global thinkers' desk at the UNESCO.

Yours fraternally,

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