

# Proposal to set-up community kitchen to tackle covid crisis

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Due to the lockdown, several daily wagers, homeless people and others have no access to food. Some of them are getting dry ration and have homes to cook. Several others either have no homes, or have homes but are not able to cook since there is no access to a kitchen or they have no gas left to cook. These people depend on cooked food by the government.

The government has given contracts to different organizations/ companies for cooked foods. However a novel idea to do this is also to employ street vendors and set up community kitchens. This way the food is fresh and street vendors also get an income. This can be done in each ward of Bangalore, as street vendors are present everywhere.

We can pilot this model in two places to see that it works and if it works, it can be followed for the next two months of April and May as the crisis will take time to settle down. This model has been done in several other states by involving SHG members as well.

## Proposal for Pilot

### Ward where this can be piloted in Bangalore?

126 Maruthi Mandir  
157 Gali Anjaneya Temple ward

### Proposal 1 - Preferred

Raw materials	No. of meals	Costs
To be supplied by BBMP	500 (afternoon) - Anna Sambar , Vada 500 (night) - Rice Bath	6000.00Rs (Labour Charges for 6 people at 1000Rs per person per day)

### Proposal 2 - Difficult to implement as accessing material is difficult

Raw materials	No. of meals	Total Costs
To be procured by vendors	500 (afternoon) - Anna Sambar , Vada 500 (night) - Rice Bath	50,000 Rs (At a cost of Rs 50 per meal. Cost is high as material are scarce)

**Where is this to be done** - At BBMP Marriage choultries/ Govt Schools / BBMP grounds

**Cooking equipment** - Vendors will use their own cooking equipment

**Precautions** - BBMP Should provide sanitisers, masks and soaps; Circles with physical distancing will be drawn

If this model works, community kitchens can be set-up in all 198 wards, and 2 lakh meals a day can be prepared fresh and handed over to those in need of food. This will also provide employment to a few thousand street vendors.