



## HONORING FATHERS AND FAMILIES

Losing a family member is always a traumatic experience, but losing the main or sole wage-earner in the family only compounds that trauma. With the recent surge in COVID-19 cases in India, more and more families are being thrust into tragedy and economic uncertainty.

As part of our disaster relief and recovery efforts, we are working with our partners on the ground in India, providing immediate support for vaccination drives and awareness programs, food assistance, and life-saving health care tools for families and medical facilities. However, the need is great, and we are combating a crisis like no other. This Father's Day, please consider celebrating an important man in your life — dad, husband, son, brother, or father figure — by making a donation in his honor.

Click below to donate now, or read on for more about the families and individuals who need our help.

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**In Memoriam**

**Zala Dilip Singh**, age 38 of Punadra, drove a rickshaw and was the main breadwinner in his family, supporting his wife, two children (ages 13 and 19), and their grandmother. He received a positive COVID test and passed away from the virus, leaving his family overwhelmed with grief and without their main income source.



*Zala Dilip Singh, pictured with his wife and one of his sons.*

**Abhasingh**, of Ahmedabad, was a driver for — and more importantly, like a little brother to — one of ESI's Lokmitras, Jayeshbhai. In May, Abhasingh lost his father to a heart attack related to COVID complications. Just two weeks later, Abhasingh tested positive for COVID and was admitted to the hospital. Despite Jayeshbhai doing all he could to ensure the best medical care, Abhasingh passed away, leaving behind his wife and two children, ages 12 and 15.



*ESI Lokmitra, Jayeshbhai, pictured with Abhasingh's children.*

## **Choose Compassion: Caring During Crisis**

These stories are tragically becoming all too common during this crisis. According to the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, more than 3,600 children in India have been orphaned while more than 26,000 have lost one parent since April 2020. Meanwhile, the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy reports that the unemployment rate has nearly doubled from its already high pre-pandemic rate. Those aged 30-39

experienced a net loss of 5.9 million jobs, while those aged 40 and over experienced a net loss of 18.7 million jobs. These job losses not only endanger a family's ability to survive — they can also set back progress for generations.

Families who have experienced these losses turn to the government and NGOs for assistance to alleviate the burdens they are experiencing. To support these children and families, we have partnered with NGOs like ESI and the Mijwan Welfare Society, both of which assist families in many ways — including tending to their economic, social, and/or emotional needs. With our support, they provide necessary care to families which may include:

- Providing meal provisions and grocery support;
- Determining all applicable government and NGO assistance programs available to the family and assisting with securing those benefits;
- Placing eligible children into growth and education plans;
- Providing vaccination support to the families; and
- Following up with families to ensure they are cared for.

In honor of Father's Day, will you donate to help us take on the monumental task of providing relief during this difficult time? Please click below to make a donation. Your gift will directly benefit struggling individuals and families in India.

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## ***Pandemic Relief & Recovery Fundraiser - Reflections of Kutchh, a Musical Experience***

Don't forget — if you donate \$200 or more this Father's Day, you will receive access to our exclusive virtual event on **July 17 at 8 p.m. EST**. For full event details, please visit [shareandcare.org/reflections](https://shareandcare.org/reflections).



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