

I am Rajaraman Krishnan, a volunteer of Asha Chennai. The distribution of relief materials for the village of Reddipalayam in Kanchipuram dist was held on the 10th of December 2015. I participated in this function along with Vijaya Sundaram and Sridharan also volunteers of Asha Chennai.

We arrived at the school at about 12:00 pm. We were delayed a little bit. All the people of the village were already assembled at the Little Flower School grounds. All the relief materials were also kept sorted and ready for distribution. We were distributing 5 Kg of rice for every family and for older people we were also providing a blanket.

The program started with Arputham's speech to the people. He explained about his long association with Asha and our coming to assist the people here at a time of their need. They had already collected the names and signatures of all the families in the village. They had also collected their ration card details. As he called out the names the people came and collected their materials. The only confusion was that there were several people with the same names and they needed to be distinguished with their ration cards which took some time.

This went on for 2 hours. At the end we had a little more rice than required. We had planned for 400 families and only about 375 families came for the distribution. We asked Mr. Arputham to use the rest of the rice for the school since that was also affected by the floods. He kept saying that this rice was so much better than the rice they serve usually at the school. The school children will also have this good quality rice for a few days. We were short by about 20 blankets. Earlier he had included only old age people with the old age pension card. However there were quite a few old age people who did not have that card. We purchased these additional blankets and gave it to Arputham for later distribution.

Arputham had also arranged a good lunch for all of us. We finished the lunch and spent a little time talking to the teachers and the hostel students. They had all helped very well with sorting the materials and during the distribution which was very well organized. We then left back for Chennai.