COVID 19 RESPONSE
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**Present Scenario – Macro Level**

**Lockdown extended:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended India’s nationwide coronavirus lockdown, the biggest in the world, until May 3, 2020. The three-week lockdown of the nation of 1.3 billion people, which started at midnight on March 25, was scheduled to end at midnight on Tuesday. As the lockdown extends, India reports more than 10,000 cases and nearly 340 deaths.

**Poor Worst Hit:** It is now very much apparent that India’s poor are worst hit by the lockdown. We have already seen millions of daily wage labourers suddenly lost their jobs, forcing hundreds of thousands to walk back to home villages mostly on foot with a risk of their life. Others have been stranded in cities either on-road or in relief camps. Central and State Governments are providing free meals to help those for whom the lockdown means immediate hunger. Farmers have complained of a lack of workers to harvest crops while the grounding of thousands of trucks by the lockdown has hampered food transport. Farms, still the bedrock of the Indian economy, are heading into their most important harvest time of the year when many villages earn enough money to finance themselves for months to come.

**NGOs providing food and shelter:** According to a reply submitted by the central government in the Supreme Court last week, *84.26 lakh people have been provided meals across the country during the lockdown, of which nearly 37% of people were fed by NGOs*. In Gujarat, NGOs fed 93% of the people who were provided meals, while in Andhra the figure was 92%. Apart from providing meals to the needy, NGOs across the country also opened relief or shelter homes for people to take refuge. The analysis of the central government’s reply shows that *10.37 lakh people in India took refuge in shelter homes provided by state governments and NGOs. Of these 10.37 lakh, or 39.14 percent, are staying in camps set up by NGOs*. In Maharashtra, 83.56 percent of homeless people are in camps set up by NGOs. In Meghalaya, this figure is 95 percent. Apart from Meghalaya and Maharashtra, the list includes Haryana (41.7 percent), Andhra Pradesh (41 percent) and Punjab (40 percent). Overall, there are six states where NGOs provided shelter to more than 40 percent of the people in shelter or relief camps.¹ In our report below, we also found that many IGSSS partners are providing a cooked meals to hundreds of people.

**Rise in Gender Violence:** As per the complaint received by the National Commission for Women (NCW), gender-based violence has recorded more than twofold rise during the nationwide Coronavirus lockdown period. *The total complaints from women rose from 116 in the first week of March (March 2-8), to 257 in the final week (March 23-April 1). “...The cases of domestic violence are high in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Haryana, and Punjab,”* says NCW chief Rekha Sharma. The main reason in the rise of domestic violence are that the men being at home are taking out their frustrations on women and most of them are refusing to participate in domestic work. Women are also confined within the four walls of the house and

they cannot share their grief with anybody. Many NGOs have started a helpline to support women.

**Rise in Child Abuse:** Lockdown has turned out to be a difficult situation not only for women but also for children across India. This is indicative of the number of SOS calls that the Childline India helpline received since the lockdown. More than 92,000 SOS calls asking for protection from abuse and violence in 11 days of lockdown. Of the 3.07 lakh calls received by the 'CHILDLINE 1098' helpline for children in distress across the country between March 20-31, covering the first week of the lockdown, 30% were about protection against abuse and violence on children, said Harleen Walia, deputy director of Childline India. This comes to 92,105 calls.

**IGSSS and its Partner NGOs’ response in the Direct Intervention Project Area:**

**IGSSS National Intervention:** We organized a Psycho-social Counseling session for IGSSS staff, Community volunteers and partner staff who are constantly in touch with the community members through telephone and digital platforms, with support from Dr. Aravind from NIMHANS. Around 82 people from 13 states [Kashmir, Assam, Delhi, Odisha, Kerala, Maharastra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Karnataka, Gujarat, and Jharkhand] attended the training program through the digital platform.

The participants were really happy to clear their doubts and have correct information on COVID 19. They expressed that their cleared their myths and updated themselves with real facts.

Besides the above training, IGSSS staff are encouraged to attend different training courses organized by Sphere India in collaboration with NDMA, UNICEF, WHO n HCL through COVID Academy. Until the reporting time IGSSS staff and Community volunteers have attended courses on Basics of COVID-19, FAQ on Coronavirus, Science- Stigma- Solidarity during COVID 19 pandemic as well as on responsive parenting for your children in times of COVID 19 pandemic.

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IGSSS is continuing its connection directly with the people from 140 villages through 369 community-level volunteers and IGSSS staff in a digital platform.

In Assam, 66 community volunteers from 4 districts have registered with Assam State Disaster Management Authority under the “Protirodhi Bondhu” - Volunteer mobilization program.

In Kerala, where IGSSS is directly responding in Waynad District, one of our staff personally mobilized around 200 soaps from benefactors and distributed among the tribal families in tribal hamlets of Thriuelley GP.

With the support of Crowdfunding support through digital platforms, we could to date reach around 250 families in Chennai and 85 construction workers in Delhi with Dry ration and sanitation kits. We are about to support 250 HHS in Mumbai and 670n HHS in Delhi this week.

In Chennai through our local partner Information and Resource Centre for the Deprived Urban Communities (IRCDUC), we could support around 250 families and the details are given below.

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<td>Resettlement sites – elders and persons with disabilities</td>
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**UPDATE FROM REGION**

**EASTERN REGION:**

In the Eastern region, IGSSS implements a project in **Odisha (Kalahandi District, Block – Kalamunda)**. The Village Development Committee (VDC) formed by IGSSS through their initiative of reaching out to BDO and relevant government officials supported around 67 farmers in their area. Due to their initiative 42 vegetable farmers are linked with **cooked food supply camps** for selling their vegetables in a weekly manner and 25 Watermelon cultivators can now sell their crops in the nearby weekly market or sell to moveable vendors.

People (who are basically tribal) whose livelihood is associated with Non-timber Forest Produce are badly affected. Hence with a state-level network of Odisha Forest Based Livelihood Group, VDC members are engaging with the government to ensure the activation of NTFP procurement process through Minimum Support Price and Pradhan Mantri Van Dhan Yojana system.

A women Self-help group (SHG) named “**Maa Ratnamohini SHG**”, from the project area have received an order of making 1000 masks with the support from Odisha Livelihood Mission (OLM), Kalahandi. 4 SHG members of the group have taken training of making a mask from OLM in Joradobra GP office. (Mask per piece of Rs. 15/-, Expenditure per piece is Rs. 12/- including materials & stitching cost, Net profit per piece is Rs.3/-). Beside Maa Ratnamohini SHG also prepares cooked food every day and feeds around 85 individuals who are sick, indigent and destitute of Joradobra Gram Panchayat.
VDC leaders with the help of ANM and Anganwadi members prepare circles in front of tube well and village grocery shop of villages to ensure social distancing.

IGSSS also work directly in Jharkhand (Ramgarh District, Gola Block). Herewith the support of local elected representatives, Mamta Devi (Member of Legislative Assembly), we could support 34 farmers from 13 project villages by linking them with local vegetable vendors so that they can sell their produce at least at market rate. A total of 50.46 quintals of vegetables got sold in this effort to the local vendors. Additional 6.16 Quintals of vegetables were sold by local vendors.
procured directly by World Vegetable Centre Ranchi. 100 HHs have already received Rs.500/- one-time deposit in their Jan Dhan Account from 2nd April 2020. 57 HHs have received 1 of the 3 LPG cylinders under Ujjala Yojana (scheme of Government). 600 families have received the first 1-month free ration. 400 identified migrators have been tested with the support of ASHA workers and are suggested to be quarantined. ASHA worker is monitoring these migrants regularly.
Partners in Action from Eastern Region

**NIRMAN (Odisha, Kandhamal District, Phiringia Block):** IGSSS supported SuPoshan Project team in coordination with ICDS and CDPO officials are continuously engaged in awareness drive – making the community aware about COVID 19, mask wearing, social distancing and hand washing. Project team are also following up with local ANM, ASHA and AWW to ensure immunization and other services of AWC is access by the community people. It is found that Village Health Nutrition Day (VHND) is regularly conducted as per the pre-decided schedules. HWM (Height, weight and MAUC) measurement is being done, health check-up of pregnant mothers, iron and folic tab supply is being done keeping social distance in mind. Take Home Ration (THR) is being provided following social distance norms in project villages.

**Integrated Development Society (Odisha, Koraput District, Dasamantapur Block):** Distributed flattened rice of 1 kg and jaggery of 250 gm. to 18 Severely Acute Malnourished (SAM) families and 20 most poorest of the poor families in SuPoshan project area. IDS has continued to provide awareness among the community members on Covid 19, social distancing, hand washing and mask wearing.

**DHARA (Odisha, Kendrapara District, Mahakalapara Block):** Around 30 farmers who have cultivated Okra (ladies finger) prior to lock down is now started getting income by selling it in nearby market. Around 40 LNW (Lead Nutrition Women) are getting nutritious vegetable from their nutrition garden during lock down. VHND is happening regularly in all the villages. Around 60% beneficiaries are present at the VHND day and remaining are being covered during household visit.

**SATHEE (Jharkhand, Godda District, Sunderpahari Block):** 411 SuPoshan Project Households have been identified, who are in the Red Zone (severely vulnerable) families in Sunderpahari Block, followed by 629 HHs in Yellow Zone (moderately vulnerable) and 227 HHs in Green Zone (temporarily secured). They are continuously monitoring these families to ensure that they are supported. SATHEE have started 5 Community Kitchen with the help of the PRI members. 1,040 SuPoshan HHs are included to get food from Community Kitchen. Out of these 1040, 411 are from the most vulnerable. 25 SHG members from 30 villages are preparing handmade re-usable and re-washable masks for the use of the Project beneficiaries.

**Samerth Charitable Trust (Chhattisgarh, Mahasamund District, Basna Block):** 100 most vulnerable HHs in the SuPoshan Project areas have been identified by the Village Volunteers and Samerth Field Staffs in the Project villages of Basna so that they can linked with Government schemes. 6 temporary shelter homes have been created by SCT in Basna SuPoshan Project areas, with the help of Local Volunteers for the migrated labourers who came walking from Delhi, Mumbai and even Raipur.

**Lok Astha Sewa Sansthan (Chhattisgarh, Gariband District and Block):** 66 poor HHs have been linked to Dry Ration. 278 Women Headed Households who have bank account under Jan Dhan Yojna have received Rs.500/- each in their account but cannot avail the cash due to lockdown and restriction on mobility from the administration. 556 HHs have been linked with the local Panchayats and the block so that they can avail 2 months free ration. Till date they have only received Rice. LASS mobilised resources to purchase cotton cloths and are making masks from the local tailors free of cost for free distribution.
“Kiriti SHG member distribution the dry ration with support of BDO in Kodakel Village, Rania, Khunti

Individual distributor Dr. Anil distributed Rice and Pulses with needy people in Rania Block
PAT and CCV members identified 25 families without PDS card to provide ration from PDS center in Jaruadih Panchayat, Bengabad, Giridih

Torpa Rural Development Society for Women (TRDSW) (Jharkhand, Khunti District, Torpa and Rania Block): IGSSS supported Project Staff, Climate Change Volunteers (CCV) & Panchayat Action Team (PAT) members identified 100 needy people whose name were not in PDS list. They were supported to receive 10 Kg of ration. 80 Migrated people have been identified by CCV & PAT & Project staffs from project areas and their name list has been submitted to BDO for further action. With the support from BDO, 250 Soap distributed in Rania block with household. 10 PDS distribution Centres are being monitoring by PAT and CCV members. One PDS of dealer license cancelled due to low weightage distribution. Didi (Sister) Kitchen is providing 2 times cooked meal to 320 families. Around 5 SHG members are involved in Didi kitchen for preparation of food.

Lead Nutrition Women (LNW) group makes sure to wash tubewell handle while fetching drinking water from a tubewell. This practice is being undertaken in 15 villages of Mahakalapara block, Kendrapra, Odisha

A notice board containing the information of handwash, tubewell hand wash, social distance maintenance and no bathing at tube well sites for people coming to fetching drinking water from a tubewell
Lok Kalyan Seva Kendra (LKS) (Jharkhand, Godda District, Maheshpur & Porriyahat Block): It was due to the continuous effort of project staff that 350 household received dry ration from the PDS for two months (April + May); Around 144 beneficiary could with draw the amount from their Jan Dhan account. Total Rs 72,000 was withdrawn till now. 23 cooperative members sold their vegetable produce worth of Rs 13,400 to the local vegetable vendors. Large land holding farmers could harvest their produce basically wheat and mustard harvested (90 quintals) with the help of local daily agriculture wage labourers while maintaining the norms of social distancing. This way the Local Labourers received produce Rs 20 Kg/ day instead of cash and also extra 5 Kg of produce given by landlord to labourers. Local leaders distributed the dry ration to 16 House hold where extremely old person reside.

Abhiyakti Foundation (AVF) (Jharkhand, Giridih District, Bengabad, Tisri & Giridih Block): Around 2 “Mukhymantri Didi Kitchen” are running in Manjori and Jaruadih Panchayat covering 10 villages. AVF had done the Linkages with Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) to promote the Didi kitchen in these two panchayats. Around 180 families are getting cooked meal for two times a day. PAT & CCV (20 members) have mobilised Panchayat fund to sanitize the entire 5 villages. Around 520 needy people received 2 times cooked meal from Community Kitchen organised by AVF.

WESTERN REGION:

IGSSS intervene directly in Madhya Pradesh, Jhabua District, Block- Jhabua, Manager, and Rama, through our Integrated Nutrition Project. In this project area, our staff and community people could identify around 15 migrant laborers and with the support of ASHA workers conducted their health check-up. They have been isolated for 14 days in the village Kokavad hostel. Besides that our team (staff and community members) in collaboration with ASHA and AWW are continuously organizing awareness campaigns about social distancing and proper handwashing. In the three blocks (mentioned above) face masks have been distributed to 2,546 people by the Sarpanch of the village.
**IGSSS partners in Action...**

**Matruchaya Social Welfare Society (Maharashtra, Amravati District, Dharani Block):** Partner is engaged in creating awareness and precautionary measures at community level. With the help of other donors, partner could distribute dry ration and sanitation kits to 1700 families of Chikaldara and Akot block. Matruchaya team with the support from local volunteers is making 3,740 cotton cloth mask which were later being distributed to the target villages with the help of CBOs at village level. Currently 4 cases of novel corona virus positive were identified in Amravati district, for which administration is conducting strict lockdown in the district.

**Divyasadan (Maharashtra, Amravati District, Morshi and Chandur Bazar):** The team has been involved with the district administration in responding to the tribal community especially in the villages. With the support from Community Based Organizations, DRY Ration Kits have been distributed to 655 families in the target villages. Awareness drives were taken up by the field team at village level on importance of Social Distancing. Village Action Team with coordination of PRIs have taken steps in sealing the village boundaries, while nobody is allowed to enter the village without proper medical diagnostic. ASHA and ANM were taking up door to door check ups and screening of all members in the family.

**Priyanshi Educational Cultural Social Society (PECSS) (Madhya Pradesh, Barwani District, Sendhwa Block):** CBOs of 12 villages out of 15 are active and are working with the PECSS for social distancing and awareness. In one of the village Chikli, masks and sanitizers were not available. In such a situation, one of the CBO formed under SuPoshan project came forward to help the residents of the village. First, a total of 14,000 rupees were mobilised for their members and village community. The fund was used to purchase soap and distribute to villagers for the purpose of hand washing. The CBO also talked to the president of the PECSS and informed that harvesting work in the fields is necessary. In such a situation, the villagers desperately need masks. So PECSS with special permission from rural police opened their office in Bijapur and with the support of few CBO members started making masks. Apart from this, CBO assisting the panchayat in distribution ration, in sanitizing the village, ensuring social distancing in taking water from the hand pump, working in the field and distribution of ration.

**SPECTRA (Rajasthan, Dholpur District, Baseri Block):** The partner have identified 600 households in Baseri Block who needed the food support badly. With the support of Panchayats, Masks, Hand Sanitizer and Ration kit were provided to 300 families out of 600 (Approx). Partner has decided to support rest of the 300 families. Beside that they are also working with local Gram Panchayat on awareness.

**Dharti (Madhya Pradesh, Morena District, Paharganj Block):** Community Members are promoting Social Distancing in the village. They are preparing food for migrants. Partner has formed volunteer action team who are connected through mobile and WhatsApp group. They are disseminating important information to the people. They are supporting and monitoring the distribution of ration through PDS to ensure transparency and accountability.
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<td>Awareness drives were taken up by JAMS (Jai Adivasi Mahasangh), CBOs formed and strengthened by partner, in the target villages on social distancing. Members of JAMS are collectively taking steps in monitoring the govt. relief and response work, taking up the families in priority which are severely effected.</td>
<td>Almost 1078 ration kits have been distributed to the needy individuals. Through the help of community kitchen the partner could feed around 298 people twice a day for four days.</td>
<td>With the support from Municipal Corporation, 1200 ration kits were distributed in different wards. With BMC, packed cooked food were distributed to 500 people Due to a PIL, High Court ordered that that homeless must be given food and water.</td>
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<td>20 families were supplied with the ration kit (5 kg wheat floor, 2 kg rice, 1 litre cooking oil, 1 kg salt, 1 kg sugar, 1 kg moong dal). With the support of local organization Parmarth Sewa Sadan 350 people of Ahirkhed area were provided cooked food.</td>
<td>In the Basti of Sudamanagar the ration has been distributed to 30 families from 8-12th APRIL.</td>
<td>Dry ration were distributed to 200 families; Identification of the 250 migrant families in 5 villages of Tindwari block of Banda dist were done so that they can be connected with ASHA for further medical checkup. CBO and PAT Members were involved to aware rural community on social distancing and safety issues, hygine etc.</td>
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<td>In coordination with ASHA and AWW, distribution of Ration was ensured by CBOs in in 3 Gram Panchyat PDS shops. Identified 220 migrant families and provided list to District administration. Around 150 old and pregnant women were given soap. Wall painting in 80 places with a message on Corona virus precaution measures were completed. Traditional songs were used for awareness on COVID 19 and disseminated through Whatsapp.</td>
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Identification of Beneficiaries

Villagers sealed their boundaries

Social Distancing and cleaning in and around houses

Community members making a mask and packing Dry ration to be distributed

**KASHMIR REGION**

**Dry Ration and Cash Support by Farmers:** Rehmat Farmer Producer Group has collected 150 Kgs of dry ration, withdrew 10,000 INR from their group’s savings account & supported 30 most marginalized and highly affected families due to lockdown with 5 Kgs of rice, 1 Kg mustered oil, ½ Kg chili, ½ kg turmeric & 1 Kg salt in their respective village.

**The community supporting Community:** Youth groups, DRR committees and other producer groups of village Zalpora, Nowgam, Ankhuloo, Gamdoo, and Yakmanpora came forward and took the humanitarian initiative at community levels like they visited door to door and collected dry ration which has been distributed among 126 daily wage labourers, widow & poorest of the poor families in their concerned villages.
Besides the above:

1. Four needy people linked by the youth of Trikolbal village with well-off persons in the area for monetary support and dry ration.
2. Four beneficiaries from Shadipora had run out of ration, they have been helped with necessary items and ration 25kg each through community help.
3. The leader of the women group also helped two widows with 4000 INR in her village from her savings. Two widows have been helped through CBO with ration in Trigam village

Sanitization & Awareness Drives

Youth groups and DRR committees of new 5 villages and old 15 villages conducted door to door visits in their respective villages and aware the communities about the precautionary measure and symptoms of COVID-19.

1. Youth members and DRR committees announced on loudspeakers of Masjids and Imam Bargahs and the use of megaphones to aware of the community about the COVID-19.
2. Youth groups and DRRR committees of 28 villages of both Bandipura and Baramula districts organized sanitation and spray drives in collaboration with PRI members, other CBO’s & local authorities of the villages in their respective villages and other neighboring villages.

Networking and Support by Government Officials:

1. Some of the government officials like doctors, businessman, contractors & sub-divisional agriculture officers supported IGSSS with 52 food kits, which were distributed in nine villages (Ganastan, Gadakhud, Kawpora, Trigam, Sarie-Dangerpora, Yakmanpora, Nowgam & Rakhi-Asham) among the most highly affected families due to COVID-19 & lockdown.
2. After proper follow with J&K Construction worker's welfare board in Bandipora & Baramulla based on the central government announced that all the labours will receive one thousand cash transfers from the department. During the week both welfare boards of Baramulla and Bandipora districts transferred 1000 INR to each of the accounts of the labour. In thirty villages around 872 labours were transferred 1000 INR to their accounts.
3. A youth group of Najan and Gamdoo approached the Executive Engineer of the PHE, and ensured the drinking water pipeline been restored & now at regular intervals the community people are collecting the water.
4. DRR Groups of Arampora, Habak, and Bonichakul have approached SDM Pattan over the phone to ensure that people follow the lockdown seriously. SDM with the team visited the areas and announced that these are the volunteers from the government side in this village so if anyone violates the lockdown rules will be punished & will be booked under law. Now the DRR group volunteers are closely working with the SDM team management & are taking care of their respective villages with letter and spirit.

Community Psychological Care Giving

So far, six distress calls were received by community psychosocial caregivers and they attended to the same. Two professional psychosocial caregivers have been contacted and psychosocial care volunteers have been linked with them for further support. Whatsapp group has created to engage youth and sharing of relevant information regarding COVID. The youth are also engaged by sharing fun videos for de-stressing them.

Business Opportunities’ for FPO: During the week, the Shejaar Vegetable Producer Company received supply order from departmental store Srinagar for 1,050 Kgs of Kashmiri Rice, Red long Rajma 110 Kgs & 150 organic eggs. The same has been aggregated and supply was issued to the departmental store in a given time. This initiative has also boosted the morale of the directors of the company for taking of newer initiatives with governmental departmental stores, especially in lockdown due to COVID-19.
**Week-Wise & Consolidated Figures for distribution of dry ration, food kits & conductance of sanitation drives in 32 villages of Baramulla and Bandipora districts**

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<td>Dry Ration Collection &amp; Distribution by DRR, Farmer/Artisan/Livestock Groups in 22 villages</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>Food kits mobilized through doctors, businessmen, contractors, etc</td>
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<td>24 food kits</td>
<td>52 Food Kits</td>
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<td>Sanitation &amp; Awareness Drives</td>
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<td>33 Villages covered repeatedly</td>
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<td>Cash Transfers by Labour Department Baramulla &amp; Bandipora</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>872 Families</td>
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<td>Gas Cylinders Home Delivery</td>
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<td>851 families in five villages</td>
<td>659 families in four villages</td>
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<td>Distribution of Masks</td>
<td>Nil</td>
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<td>595</td>
<td>476</td>
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<td>Ration Distributed by PDS shops 32 villages</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>3937 families in 17 villages</td>
<td>4,604 families 15 villages</td>
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## Northern Region

### Partners in Action

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<td><strong>LUCKNOW</strong></td>
<td>Ankur Yuva Chetna Shivir</td>
<td>From 6th April to 10th April 2020, Total Ration kit distributed to 4934 distribution through the COVID 19 help group, 59,651 food packets, 1768 soap, 170 Masks, and 1450 sanitary napkins distributed among the needed families and individuals.</td>
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<td><strong>AGRA</strong></td>
<td>Manav Seva Sansthan</td>
<td>During the last week of lockdown 32 shelters and community kitchens established in different parts of the city to provide food and shelter to affected people / unorganized sector workers.</td>
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<td><strong>VARANASI</strong></td>
<td>Asian Institute of Management Trust</td>
<td>People living in slums are being connected and their needs are passed to the District Administration.</td>
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<td><strong>ALLAHABAD</strong></td>
<td>Abul Kalam Azad Jan Seva Sansthan</td>
<td>The Allahabad Help Group is providing Dry ration to 500 families and cooked food to around 200 individuals daily.</td>
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<td><strong>DELHI</strong></td>
<td>NIRMANA</td>
<td>(Delhi Building &amp; Other Construction Workers Welfare Board (DBOCWWB) has provided a compensation of Rs 5000/- to 32,482 construction workers who had ‘live’ registrations. NIRMANA’S volunteers in the community are assisting workers who do not have ration-cards in construction sites and slum communities to apply for government rations. These poor workers would receive a few kgs of rice and wheat (unground) only but no pulses, sugar, oil, tea, etc. Hence, there is a need to provide for these essential ration items as well.</td>
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<td><strong>MUZAFFARPUR</strong></td>
<td>Amar Trishla Seva Sansthan</td>
<td>With the help of PRIs and business group rations, food packet, soap, masks been distributed to approximately 500 families. With the help of local administration, the partner started to generate awareness about social distancing, do and don'ts, hand washing to the community and also guiding to Outreach workers for their safety measures.</td>
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<td><strong>PATNA</strong></td>
<td>Dalit Vikash Abhiyan Samiti</td>
<td>Along with the district administration to date, the partner has distributed dry ration to 350 families. They are in close touch with district administration and seeking some other ways to support affected un-organized sector workers and urban poor.</td>
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In the North East, IGSSS is present in Assam and Manipur. Most of the partners are working on awareness in collaboration with District and Village administration. One of our partner in Guwahati city, FDEWS, have identified 800 domestic workers and are continuously helping them with dry ration and awareness. Assessment on identifying workers who don’t have essential documents to access their rights and entitlements are being helped by making labour card, ration card opening bank account (who doesn’t have) in collaboration with District Administration.

One of the problems that we are facing in Churachandpur is the sickness of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) among the cattle. It is killing lots of cattle in rural areas which will definitely impact the livelihood of the poor farmers. The veterinary doctor in the block is ensuring medication while maintaining social distancing.

As a community initiative, in Lakhimpur, Assam, a village community tendered around 1 lakh rupees for ferry communication through local boats. They have contributed the amount for COVID 19 relief work.

Besides the above some of our partners are responding in the following ways:

**PRDA (In Manipur)**

1. Planning to distribute vegetables (potatoes, onion) in two villages (Naorem, Tanvjen) in Bishnupur districts covering 200 families
2. Soon they will be covering two project villages (Khodrak, Nongmaikhong) and will distribute vegetables (potatoes, onion, salt, and cabbage) to 250 families
3. Awareness on COVID 19 precaution through MIKE announcement awareness campaign is happening regularly
4. Sanitization material (30 Hand sanitizer Bottles) supplied in 5 villages

**GVM**

1. Volunteers sensitized through online training
2. 512 (migrant labor) families supported with dry ration in Nalbari and Kamrup (dry ration worth Rs 550)
3. Training sessions on COVID 19 to 70 schools through digital platforms conducted by a medical doctor (5 members per school)
4. Online quiz competition related to COVID-19 and singing competition conducted through the digital platform as a part of Psycho-Social counseling.

**CHALLENGES AHEAD:**

The major challenge ahead is protecting the interest of farmers and livestock rearers. With the lockdown extended the issue of hunger and poverty need to be assessed and interventions planned quickly. The issue of income and hunger in rural India will be another issue that we need to tackle.