IGSSS RESPONSE FOR 2ND WAVE OF COVID

3rd Update Report
28th May - 11th June, 2021
COVID-19, has become a global pandemic by infecting people of almost all the world. Human civilizations are facing threat for their survival and livelihood. No country is getting any substantial relief and solution from this pandemic rather to convince their citizens to make aware, taking precaution by changing their living style and vaccination. Hence Government and Civil Society Organisation in India are putting their great effort in awareness and sensitisation of the population on COVID appropriate behaviour. Peoples understand the importance of social distancing and other preventive measures prescribed by the government with good attitude. Peoples are following trusted sources for corona information, having confidence to defeat disease but showed their concern for corona threat, are aware about the virus, its common symptoms and prevention, govt. testing and medical facilities.

1 COVID-19: Assessment of knowledge and awareness in Indian society (nih.gov)
Raising awareness on COVID-19 vaccination is an utmost importance in the current scenario, has become the need of the testing time. The first & the second wave of the Coronavirus pandemic led to a dramatic loss of human life all over the world and put forward an unmatched challenge to the public health system, food systems as well as the realm of work. The socio-economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic is just devastating.

Challenges on Food and Nutrition Security:

The COVID-19 pandemic has been hitting the complete food system and has put bare its fragility Trade confinements, Border closures, and restraint measures have been restricting farmers from accessing markets, entailing for purchasing inputs as well as selling their produce, and agricultural workers from reaping crops, therefore disturbing domestic as well as international food supply chains and decreasing access to healthy, reliable, and distinct diets. COVID-19 outbreak has decimated jobs and put around millions of livelihoods at risk. As financial supporters and leading persons in the family lose jobs, fall ill, and lose their life, the food security, as well as nutrition of millions of men and women, are under threat, with those in economically backward and less developed countries, especially the most marginalized groups, which cover small-scale farmers as well as indigenous masses, being hardest hit.

Despite all the sufferings caused by the virus, many people in our country are not ready to go for the vaccination as various myths have been spread over social media platforms. It is important for NGOs like IGSSS and different State Governments to spread awareness on COVID-19 vaccination so that a major chunk of the population may get vaccinated, and we will be able to minimize the impact of this virus on the human body.

Uttar Pradesh: Under the SuPoshan Project, the beneficiaries are given Dry Ration, WASH kit and livelihood support in forms of seeds. The beneficiary household number are 1500 for each of these categories. As of on June 11, dry ration has been distributed to 156 households and WASH kits have been distributed to 156 households.

Bihar: In Bihar the target number of beneficiaries for distribution of dry ration, WASH kit and, livelihood support in form of seeds are 1500.

Assam: In Assam, the target beneficiary household number for dry ration distribution is 1000 out of which 859 has received dry ration, WASH kits also have been distributed to 859 of the targeted 1000 households.

Jharkhand: In Jharkhand, among the 1000 beneficiary households targeted for each category of relief distribution i.e dry ration, WASH kits and livelihood support in form of seeds.

Chattisgarh: The target beneficiary household number for dry rations and WASH kit distributions are 1052 for each category. The target beneficiary number for livelihood support in the form of seeds is 1000 households.

Odisha: The target beneficiary for each of the categories of dry ration distribution, WASH kits distribution, and livelihood support in the forms of seeds is 1000 households.

Kashmir: The target beneficiary household numbers for dry ration and WASH kit distribution were 500 in each category.

Madhya Pradesh: The target number for dry ration distribution, WASH kit distribution, and livelihood support in the form of seeds is 1500 in each category.

Maharashtra: The target beneficiary household number for each category of dry ration, WASH kit and livelihood support in the form of seeds is 1000 for each category.

2 Creating Awareness on COVID-19 Vaccination is the Need of the Hour (hindrise.org)
Update

Distribution in Numbers

Staple

Rice

62600 Kgs

Atta

29974 Kgs

Pulses

Dal [All varieties] 30768 Kgs

Jhurta (local ragi) 2385 Kgs

Chenna 2668 Kgs

Black Gram 500 Kgs

Black Gram 1500 Kgs

Mustard Oil 31945 Ltrs

Soya chunk 15450 Kgs

Green Moong 1000 kgs

Soya Bean 1620 Kgs

Vegetables

Onion 477 Kgs

Potato 2385 Kgs

Green Peas 1382 Kgs

Spices

Salt n spices 12684 Kgs

Sugar 5750 Kgs

Soya Bean 1620 Kgs

Nutritious Snacks

Biscuits 49900 Packets

Flatten Rice 18900 Kgs

Jaggery 12700 Kgs

Sugar 5750 Kgs

Daliya 8500 Kgs

Chatusa [Sattu] 4913 Kgs

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For children

Colouring art set 400 sets

Game set 200 Set

Sanitation Kit

Bathing Soap 196223

Reusable Cloth Mask 110257

Single-use surgical Mask 608750

Sanitary Napkins 10100

Sanitizer 50 ML 3267 Lt

Handwash 1390 kgs

Washing Soap 3764

Detergent Powder Packets 238

 Thanks for the food that you gave me.
**Ground report**

**States**

**BIHAR**

In Roh Block of Nawada District IGSSS distributed 231 kits of dry ration in Rustampur, Anaila, Ratoi, Samharigah and Adampur villages with the support of JIV Daya Foundation, America to most vulnerable families.

500 masks have been distributed among Dalit families of Dewnag, Kasmara, Shekhpura village with support of local leader Mr. Anil Mohita.

78 people has vaccinated with the support of volunteers.

Volunteers are regularly consult with AWW and ASHA for aware community about vaccination and testing.

**Kawakool BLOCK, NAWADA District, Bihar**

A survey of 500 beneficiaries is completed for seed distribution in Kawakool block of Nawada District. Around 400 Masks have been distributed in vaccination center of Kawakool and PHC Fuldih with the support of Local leader and Mukhiya of Nawadih Panchayat.

Awareness drive of COVID-19 in 20 village of Kawakool block is completed. IGSSS volunteers and staff have extended their support to health worker during COVID vaccination and testing at village level.

4 volunteers engaged in COVID response of IGSSS in Tankuppa block of Gaya district did the following activities:

- Selection of Beneficiary for DRY ration in 1st Phase
- Selection of Beneficiary for Paddy and seed distribution

Paddy for small and Marginal farmers and Seed for landless family and small yard family for 2nd phase.

In Patna, 110 dry ration kits with the support from TISSA Alumni Foundation and Reliance Foundation were distributed among most poor people. Around 50 Sanitisers and 50 gloves were distributed to local police station. 50 transgenders were registered for Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and dry ration mobilised for them.

Coordination work with stakeholders – IGSSS Patna team are coordinating with multiple stakeholders like CSO’s, NGO’s, urban local bodies, and government departments on regular basis. They are also taking lead in coordination with Bihar Inter-Agency Group and SDMA networking.

We have also worked on resource mobilisation of different stakeholders.
In Bundelkhand region, IGSSS in last few days have worked Kabari block of Mahoba District, Lavkush Nagar Block of Chhatarpur District and Ajaygarh Block of Panna District. The process of distribution of 300 smokeless stoves has been started in the project area.

Promoting COVID appropriate behaviour awareness drive in the form of Rath Yatra was organised in Lavkush Nagar development block of Chhatarpur District of Bundelkhand area. Local Bundeli songs were used to promote the awareness message related to use of mask, washing hand and use of sanitizer, importance of social distancing and need of vaccination. Awareness Drive was extended by wall painting – writing down important messages of COVID appropriate behaviour on walls at village level.

Arjun Rajak, (resident of village Hinauta Gram Panchayat of Lavkushnagar District Development Block) 10 months ago, had a fall which injured his backbone for which his lower part (basically his two legs) of the body is completely paralyzed. He has 10 members in his family who are dependent on him. After the accident he cannot go for work and thus his livelihood as a laborer is adversely affected. Our dry ration kits support really brough a smile in his face. He said, “Thanks for the food support”.

The State Government of Chhattisgarh has announced for free Vaccination for all in the state. Vaccination drive is carried out in 1:1 ration between Antyodaya, BPL and APL category of people. As per the “Mukhyamantri Khadyan Yojna”, all the BPL card holders in the state will receive dry ration kits for May and June comprising of rice, sugar, salt in slightly developed areas and chana in tribal areas. “Oxygen on Wheel1”- Home isolated patients residing in cities will be provided with all the necessary oxygen supply from the State government free of cost. The program has already been launched in Raipur and will soon be extended to other cities in Chhattisgarh.

On World Environment Day, the youth group across Raipur and Durg took the opportunity to stress on the importance of hygiene to be maintained during Covid19. They did plantation drive at both household level and slums level. They also took out an awareness campaign of keeping surrounding clean during the pandemic across the project slums.

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Youth group across Raipur and Durg taking out campaign on safeguards during Covid

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Chhattisgarh Rolls Out Free ‘Oxygen On Wheels’; Ambulance Services For COVID Patients (indiatimes.com)

Climate Change Agents drawing social distancing circles outside a medical shop

Nutrition volunteers verifying the stock before taking them to distribution point
Providing dry ration to non-ration card holders has been initiated by Delhi Govt under Non PDS schemes. Delhi Task force volunteers’ team (facilitated by IGSSS) have taken the task of monitoring the scheme along with CSO initiative (social auditing group of Non PDS schemes implemented in Delhi). In this regard the team had visited 10 different schools and captured the information/ gap areas like issues related to people waiting in the queues, people not following any COVID appropriate behaviour, people are sent back without dry ration, different rules and protocols were followed in different districts of Delhi etc. All these information was compiled to make a report that can be submitted as social audit report to Delhi Govt for further action.

The rural and urban project area of IGSSS is well prepared for implementing the relief work. Psychosocial Counsellor are recruited and in place, orientation with State Team members and Counsellor done. All the logistical arrangements done and oriented to the Counsellor. Helpline number for connecting people with counsellor is to be circulated during the Relief Distribution, which will start from next week.

40 Task force Team (TFT) member received orientation in 7 batches. 02 Youth Volunteers from TFT assigned for each of the 20 Slums (10 in Ranchi and 10 in Jamshedpur) This has been done to ensure that they do all the relief and awareness related works within their own slums.

IEC materials from Government sites about Emergency Contacts, 2nd WAVE guidelines and precautionary measures are collected for dissemination. Vehicles for Mass Awareness drive are also finalized. The communities are being aware on the following issues like, basics of COVID guidelines like double masking, washing of hands and feet as well, social distancing, treatment of COVID positive persons properly.

WhatsApp Groups including the VDC members, IGSSS Staffs and Volunteers have been formed at Project Locations for smooth dissemination of right information. IGSSS staffs conducted telephonic orientation of Relief Distribution processes for the Volunteers.

Delhi team also facilitated the following process:

- Vaccination registration drive by volunteers
- Dry ration distribution to differently abled beneficiaries
- Sanitization Drive at BIW Camp, Subhash Camp, Tajpur Phari 22.05.2021

Two Innovative Steps for Awareness Drive in Delhi:

- Well-designed E-Rickshaw with COVID awareness/appropriate behaviour messages will be going through all the lanes and by lanes of urban resettlement colonies and disseminating information.
- Along with GMR Foundation Delhi team to operate Mobile Bus equipped with Covid awareness messages/films/ live interaction with doctors. It will visit different part of Delhi and engage with leaders to motivate and train them to deal with COVID issues.
- Registration for vaccination will also be done with the help of our vounteers and community leaders.

Coordination Meeting:

Telephonic Meeting with Deputy Commissioner, Ranchi regarding the Relief Distribution in the 10 Project Slums. Participated in Jharkhand IAG Meet on issues and challenges in different districts in Jharkhand. Continuous contact with Ramgarh DC Office as well as Gola BDO Team and linking the emergency contacts with beneficiaries as and when required are done by field team.

Applications to Block Department to facilitate the process of access of Target beneficiary to MGNREGA Work in the project area of IGSSS.
Kashmir

Community To Community Support Aimed Covid-19 Pandemic Crises (Second Wave)

Mobilization of Resources and Distribution of Food & Hygiene by DRR Group-Zadimohalla

The community based groups promoted by IGSSS especially DRR groups are making every possible effort to reach out the resource poor families for their timely support and are making remarkable difference at ground level. The DRR groups in-collaboration with farmer and artisan groups are mobilizing resources and are collecting donations from their respective areas, preparing food and hygiene kits to support the marginalized and resource poor families in their villages. However, three DRR groups along with five farmers and artisan producer groups from (Zadi-Mohalla, Mandiyari, Nowgam, Gourchippora & Tularzo) have mobilized and donated 32,000 INR from their groups and concerned community members, prepared 20 food and hygiene kits worth 59,000 INR (each food kit costs 1000 INR) and supported to 20 needy families during the week.

Advocacy and Networking of Marginalized and Vulnerable Families with Raina & Raina’s Health and Hygiene Pvt. Ltd.

A list of 252 marginalized, deserving & resource poor families from 6 villages of two blocks of Bandipora district submitted to Raina & Raina’s health and hygiene Pvt. Ltd. Bandipora on 12th May, 2021 for providing emergency relief to these families. Out of 252 families 59 families have received support till the 2nd June, 2021 with 11,800 INR (200 each family) cash and food kits worth 59,000 INR (each food kit costs 1000 INR).

Covid-19 Baseline Survey and Farming Community Progress

Baseline survey for covid-19 response has been carried out by project team in four villages of Bandipora district (Ankhulla, Shahtulpora, Odina and Kawapora) keeping in view all the precautionary measures into consideration (SOPs). So far, the baseline survey of 336 families have completed from last eight days (90 Shahtulpora, 51 Ankhulla, 90 Odina and 105 Kawapora) for Food and hygiene kit support under Covid-19 adversity mitigation plan project.

Community Mobilisers-Carrying out Baseline Survey for covid-19 response in Shahtulpora and Ankhulla Village of Bandipora District.

Farmer Field Schools-Vegetable & Rice Cultivation Progress

10 progressive farmers (the members of FFS-Rice Cultivation) from Ankhulla village of Bandipora district have started the land preparation for transplantation of rice into open farming fields, so far 22 kanals of land have been prepared during this week under the FFS-rice cultivation. Furthermore, 39 progressive farmers (members of FFS-vegetable cultivation) prepared 47 kanals of land and completed the transplantation of different vegetable saplings as well into their farming fields.

Farmer Filed School-Rice and Vegetable Cultivation Progressive Farmers During work on their farming plots
As per target, project team have identified 1000 beneficiaries in Kalahandi and Koraput. Beneficiary template filled up, finalised and send it to HO for further process.

Lyrics of traditional Daskathia song has been finalised for recording which will be used to make community aware about COVID 19 appropriate behaviour through Corona Sachetanata Ratha (awareness Chariot) with the help of block administration in both the district.

IGSSS project team at Dasamantapur, Koraput started CORONA Sachetanata Ratha (which was inaugurated by BDO, Dasamantapur on 9th June 2021) to make community aware on COVID 19 information using local traditional Dasakathia song. 15 villages of 2 gram panchayat have been covered so far and plans to complete 35 more villages of 3 more gram panchayat in next three days time.

VDC members are facilitating in making community aware about vaccination and motivating them for vaccination. 390 persons (age 45+) of 9 village of 3 gram panchayat of Karlamunda block have been vaccinated this week.

6 Nutrition Volunteers and VDC members facilitated in making community aware about vaccination and motivating them for vaccination. 140 person (age 65+) of 5 village of 1 gramapanchayat of Karlamunda block and 1240 person from M. Rampur Block and 102 person from Narla Block vaccinated this week.

IGSSS's covid19 response in Bhubaneswar

Sanitation kit item verified Volunteer in action while making community aware about covid19 appropriate behaviour

IGSSS’s covid19 response in Kalahandi and Koraput, Odisha

IGSSS's covid19 response in Ganjam, Odisha

Nirupama Adhikari, a Women SHG leader aware other SHG members about the Covid Appropriate behaviour using the wall painting at Keshpur village, Khalikotte, Ganjam

Mangaraj Nag of IGSSS, Ganjam handing over 200 oximeter to Project Director of District Rural Development Agency, Ganjam

Today IGSSS organization has donated 200 numbers of pulse oximeter to district administration Ganjam. Ganjam administration thanks IGSSS for the support. Door to door oxygen checking is going on in the district and this oximeter will help us in conducting door to door surveillance.

Shinde Dattatraya B. | Program Director District Rural Development Agency | Ganjam, Odisha
The IGSSS team of Maharashtra have completed the beneficiary selection process. Most vulnerable and marginalised people have been selected as a beneficiary for all the relief response. The awareness campaign started in Nagpur city slums and rural villages of Amravati, Wardha and Yavatmal. In rural areas IGSSS staff supported village health workers in organising vaccination camp with the help of the villagers. Digital orientation by a medical doctor was organised for IGSSS volunteers on vaccination and related myths. 30 volunteers from rural and urban area attended.

IGSSS volunteers working for Nutrition based Tele counselling volunteers connected with 60 Mothers of SAM/MAM children and made them aware about the right kind of diet which would improve their immunity, steps to take care of their hygiene and wellbeing of their child. At Urban 8 community member connected IGSSS staff with the basti people and their problem with regard to PDS. They also facilitated discussion on vaccination with the basti people. Vaccination awareness drive started during the last week in the intervention areas rural as well as in urban.

Coordination meeting with District officials to understand the status of Covid Vaccination, Test and Medical equipment support required was done. 156 relief Material distribution in Khutawa, Bangwa, Gaura village at Sidharthnagar district was done. 150 Beneficiaries registration for vaccination through the vaccination drive and 45 beneficiaries registered for Ration card
Madhya Pradesh

**Urban**

The 12 days of awareness campaign executed in Jabalpur in association with Action Aid organisation successfully completed on 08/06/2021. The campaign was majorly focused on creating awareness on the COVID-19 disease; motivating people to go for diagnosis and make them aware of the symptoms; the second focus area of the campaign was to motivate people for vaccination and help them with the enrollment as it is seen that in Urban settlements people are hesitant to vaccinate themselves due to different myths associated with it. In 12 days of time the awareness campaign reached out to 10 targeted bastis of Urban Development project and additional 05 bastis. Altogether we reached out to more than 1000 household.

**Shivani Patel**, Volunteer under Holistic Rural Development Programme initiated selflessly the awareness on vaccination to the community people and its importance. At the starting she faced issues and challenges but her efforts of spreading awareness among the village community did not stop. Her effort resulted in 67 people from the target village of Baidiyaw came forward for vaccination and completed their first dose of vaccination.

Shivani Patel says, “A small orientation helped me out to understand the process of registration which I took forward and disseminated it among the people.”
One of the important project activities intended to provide Cash support to the marginalized and migrant families have been initiated in Panki and Bijalpur village with approx. 55 labours. Village Sarpanch and panchayat guided the team in providing the labour support and also ensured to do local level monitoring. The key activities that will be carried out during the process are activities related to Land and Soil treatment like Pond deepening, creating stop dam etc.

The awareness campaign in Jhabua, Meghnagar and Panna kicked off on 10-06-2021. The deputy collector and Senior District Magistrate of Jhabua flagged-off the awareness vehicle and formally launched the awareness drive. This awareness drive will be organised for a span of 5 to 6 days and will reach out to all 25 villages of three districts with motivational jingles, and other awareness songs related to COVID 19 appropriate behaviour and vaccination. Awareness Campiagn has been started in the target 150 villages, whereas in first phase has reached out 49 villages of Alirajpur and Jhabua covering 23400 households, second phase of awarness has been initiated covering 50 villages of Jhabua reaching out 24700 household in the target village. Development if IEC has been initiatied with respect to increase the awareness on vaccination, 10 selfie points have been established along with display cards which are placed in the major vaccination centres in the rural spaces of Jobat and Udaigarh Block of Alirajpur, where vaccination pace is low. Joint awareness session imparted in 19 villages of Jhabua and Alirapur involving line department.

### Detail of Cash for Work in Jhabua Block

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IEC material for Vaccination Awareness at Vaccination Centre
IGSSS work in Assam (Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, BTC, Karbianglong, Guwahati city) and Manipur (Ukhrul and Churachandpur).

From 1st June to 3rd June 2021, three days awareness programme on COVID appropriate behaviour (Audio announcement) was conducted in collaboration with Mishing Autonomous Council and BPHC Gogamukh covering 45 villages in Dhemaji and Lakhimpur district of Assam. Main objectives of the announcement were to protect community from transmission of COVID 19 in the rural area, and sensitising on COVID protocol circulated by government. Displayed the IEC materials like information related to Hand wash, use of Mask, maintain of social distance, vaccination, symptom of COVID positive etc. Similar awareness programme was also organised in the IGSSS project area of Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC), Karbianglong as well as in Manipur (Ukhrul and Churachandpur).

IGSSS Staff and volunteers visited Medical sub-centre of Bhebali and held meeting with the ANM, GNM and ASHA workers regarding present situation and COVID relief response. They have been giving regular awareness on preventive measures of covid-19 through ASHA and ICDS workers. But most people refused to vaccination. We encouraged and motivated the Nurses and ASHA workers how to increase enrolment of vaccination of villagers.

In Karbianglong, IGSSS staff engaged women peace committees and community leaders for submitting the list of beneficiaries from their respective villages. IGSSS volunteers organized webinar session on COVID-19 and the importance of getting vaccinated in collaboration with the students’ unions for the youth.

10 youth from Churachandpur, Manipur got the conditional cash grant support. They are very happy to get this support from IGSSS in this hardship. One youth beneficiary cried and said in this time of hardship this mean a lot to their family. She says, “I will never forget the help and will always be grateful to IGSSS.” She said that she will try her best to utilize the money which will help her to generate income and will buy ration for her family.

World Environment Day: Awareness and Plantation

IGSSS Urban Team Coordination with NDMA

IGSSS partner Sathiya babu, from Madurai and State Coordinator Netaji from Guwahati shared the organisation’s concerns and got them highlighted in the national level NDMA meeting with NGO and government stakeholders. They highlighted the need for SOP for burials and cremations, COVID isolation centres in urban areas. The crucial issue of NGO workers getting priority in vaccinations, essential worker classification was also raised.

For a fourth week IGSSS and 50 other NGOs came together and relayed updates from all over India about the COVID situation. A concise set of demands were decided and put forth to the NDMA administration. The demands were:

- Prompt information/updates/guidelines sharing on web portal on SDMA (and NDMA) websites
- Issuance of notices/SOPs on Volunteer’s engagement, vaccination, identity cards and insurance, along support like e passes and travel
- Using simple language and graphics to make the guidelines accessible to all through IECs
- Developing guidelines for and selecting vaccination priority groups such as
- Prepare for 3rd wave in 3-4 months by formalizing a national NGO response group

IGSSS staff coordinated with District administration of all the project area and explained the officials on IGSSS relief response strategy and plan. IGSSS staff also organised several online trainings for volunteers for explaining relief strategy, use of distribution App of IGSSS, planning relief distribution, importance of psychosocial counselling and introduced the counsellor for help. District administration also shared the support they expect from IGSSS to strengthen their health services at village level. Beside that IGSSS started to implement regular project work in Manipur and Karbianglong maintaining all COVID protocols (programme like training online).
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