Avoid having close contact with anyone

Avoid touching your face often

Wash your hands regularly with soap and water for 20 seconds

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
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**DELIVERY OF ESSENTIAL COMMODITIES BY SELF HELP GROUPS**
During the countrywide lockdown to contain the spread of COVID-19, facilitating the people at large to remain indoors by providing the essentials at their door-step became necessary. To ensure door-to-door delivery of essential commodities to people, states/UTs engaged the services of Self Help Groups under DAY-NULM. Precautionary measures were practiced and adhered during the home delivery of essentials by wearing masks, spraying of disinfectants and adhering to maintaining social distancing requirements.

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To allow identified urban street vendors to sell essential items during lockdown period due to COVID 19.

To use the services of health care trained persons in addressing COVID 19 related exigencies. This may be helpful in augmenting the frontline health workers to tackle the current challenges.

**MASK TASK – SMALL EFFORTS OF SELF HELP GROUPS FOR A BIG CHANGE**
Amidst the scarcity of hand sanitizer and face masks during the current COVID-19 pandemic, the women Self Help Groups in India have risen to take the challenge by producing masks and sanitizers to meet the demand. So far, more than 81 lakh masks and 58,500 litres of sanitizers have been produced by more than 6,557 women Self Help Groups across the country. These products are being sold at nominal prices.

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SHG WOMEN IN ANDHRA PRADESH CONTRIBUTE RS. ONE CRORE TO CM RELIEF FUND
To support the State Government in its fight against COVID-19, the urban Self Help Groups under MEPMA, Andhra Pradesh have contributed an amount of Rs One crore to the Chief Minister Relief Fund.

SUPPORT TO STREET VENDORS
To mitigate the hardship faced by the street vendors during the period of lock-down in view of the COVID-19, Odisha has announced provision of Rs. 3,000 as financial assistance to the 65,000 registered street vendors in 114 ULBs in the state. So far, a total of 33,898 street vendors have received the assistance, primarily through direct transfer in to their bank accounts.

‘DIAL &GET FACILITY’ INTRODUCED
To protect public health during the COVID 19 pandemic, Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry had set up a call centre on April 3, 2020, named “Dial & Get Facility” in three languages –Tamil, English & French under the aegis of City Livelihood Centre in partnership with M/s Navayaga Consultancy Service. The Service Providers and Vendors have been empanelled to provide the essential services such as Tele-Medicine, Psychosocial Counselling, Tele-Yoga, Medicines, Groceries and Fruits& Vegetables to the citizens. This initiative has emerged as a “one-stop shop” solution for essentials for the public and has set an example of using technology in the times of the social distancing. Public can reach out to get the services on 7806801159, 60, 61, 62 during 9 am to 9 pm every day.

SHG WOMEN LEADING THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID 19
In Tamil Nadu, more than 10,000 Community Resource Persons and Self Help Group members joined the effort for containment of COVID-19 in 21 districts through an organised effort. This model focused on strict implementation of lockdown stipulations in the identified area, practicing social distancing measures, enhanced active surveillance of people residing in that area, identifying the suspected cases and guiding for quarantine of affected people.

HEALTH CHECK-UP CAMPS ORGANIZED IN SHELTERS:
In Andhra Pradesh, a total of 114 Health check-up camps were conducted in 82 NULM shelters for urban homeless and free food was also provided to the residents in the shelter for urban homeless during the outbreak of COVID-19. Awareness and demonstration sessions were also organized for the residents on proper hand-washing and maintaining social distancing.

SELF HELP GROUPS CONTRIBUTING IN FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS
In the times of distress due to COVID-19, the collective strength of 56 women’s Self Help Groups of Mizoram has come to the fore, who has together contributed an amount of Rs 91,100 to their Local Task Force for distribution of food and essential commodities to support their community during the nationwide lockdown period. Also, SHG women engaged themselves in producing facemasks, delivering essential food supplies and sensitizing people about health & hygiene.
Together we’ll emerge as a strong nation!
In a remarkable gesture, 10 lakh members of Urban Self Help Groups of MEPMA-Andhra Pradesh have contributed ₹1 or to CM Relief Fund for COVID-19 relief measures. Heartiest congratulations! Such efforts will contribute to well-being of needy.

Collaboration is key when it comes to managing the #COVID19 crisis.
Dharamshala Municipal Corporation (DMC) & Area Level Federation(ALF) of Self Help Groups (SHGs) constituted under DAY-NULM came together to handle shortage of masks in the city.

Also, caretaker of the shelter should ensure awareness for staying indoor, taking care of recommended hand wash using soap/sanitiser and full cleanliness & hygiene inside and outside campus among the residents.

President of the ALF along with four other women, who were earlier trained to stitch cloth bags are now putting their skills to use by stitching over 2,000 single-layered masks & are now making more.