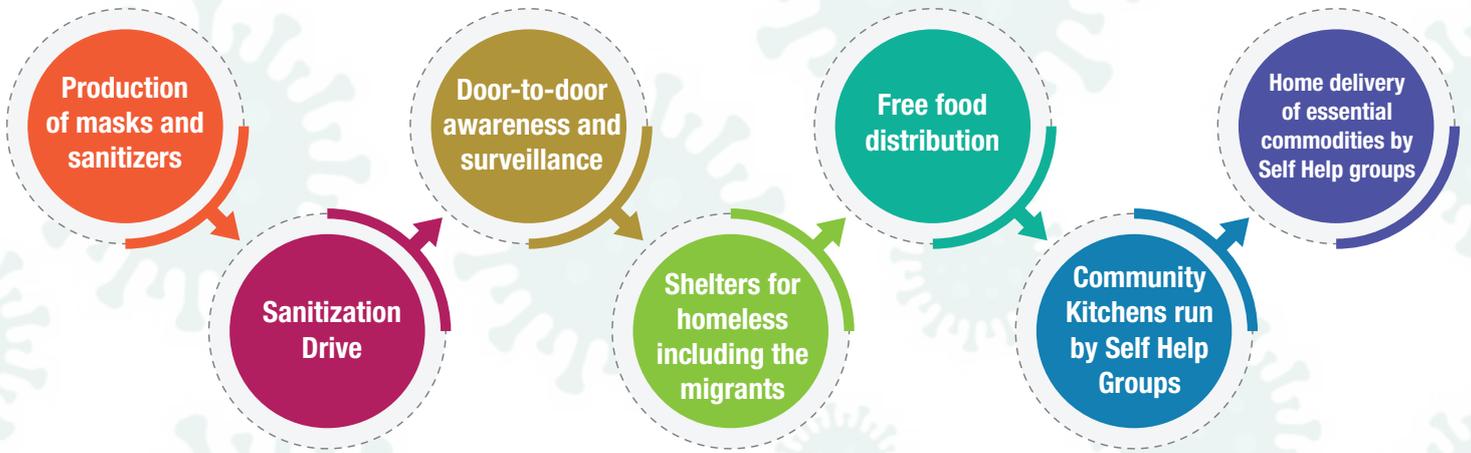
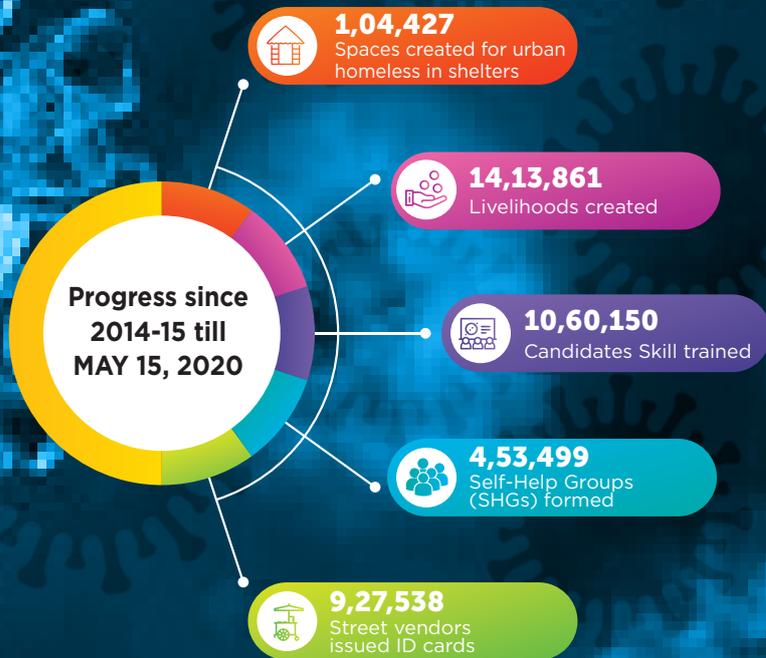


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Covid-19 initiatives





Initiatives of SHGs in response to covid 19



SCHEME FOR MICRO-CREDIT FACILITY FOR STREET VENDORS ANNOUNCED

Recognising the important role being played by the street vendors in the informal urban economy, the Hon'ble Finance Minister has announced a scheme of 'Special Micro-Credit Facility' of Rs. 5,000 Crore to provide working capital of Rs.10,000 to individual vendors, to re-start their livelihoods. The scheme intends to benefit approximately 50 lakh street vendors across the country, whose livelihood has been affected due to COVID-19.

SELF HELP GROUPS – ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN JEEVAN SHAKTI YOJANA

The Madhya Pradesh Government has launched the Jeevan Shakti Yojana which encourages making masks on a large scale. Under this scheme, direct orders are given by the state government to the women registered on the portal, to make masks at Rs 11 per piece while working from their home. About 9,000 urban SHG women, registered under the Scheme, have received orders for making 18 lakh masks, to meet the demand in the state. A total of 6.21 lakh masks have been stitched and supplied to the nodal officer. The Scheme has enabled SHG women to earn an amount of more than Rs 30 lakh so far.



DIDI KITCHENS – FEEDING THE DESTITUTE

Mukhya Mantri Didi Kitchens are contributing to the society during COVID-19 distress times. Managed by 34 Self-Help Groups, a total of 32 Didi Kitchens in various ULBs of Jharkhand are providing food, free of cost, to over 10,000 people every day. Didi Kitchens are supported by the State Government.

BLOOD DONATION CAMP BY SHGS ORGANISED IN MAHARASHTRA

On May 1, 2020, the City Mission Management Unit, Ambajogai, Maharashtra in association with Rajmata Jijau City Level Federation organised a blood donation camp at Swami Ramanand Tirtha Medical College. A total of 33 members from the Self-Help Groups donated blood during this special camp.



AMMA CANTEN SERVING FOOD AMID LOCKDOWN

More than 7,000 SHG women are managing 540 Amma Unavagams opened throughout Tamil Nadu. These canteens aim to serve healthy food to the economically weaker sections of the society, free of cost, during the period of lockdown. The menu includes *idli*, *pongal*, *saambhar rice*, lemon/curd/curry leaf rice and chappatis and daal. In addition, egg and banana fruit are also provided. These canteens provided meals, thrice daily, to 605,020 people.



EARNING LIVELIHOOD BY CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOCIETAL REQUIREMENT

Recognising the urgent requirement of their skill for the society, 699 women Self-Help Groups in Rajasthan, which were primarily engaged earlier in cloth bag stitching, switched over to production of masks for frontline workers and public towards combating COVID-19 pandemic. So far, the SHGs have stitched over 6.74 lakh masks and have earned a total of Rs 23.67 lakh from it.

SHELTER FOR HOMELESS INAUGURATED

To accommodate the homeless during the lockdown, a shelter for urban homeless was inaugurated by Shri. L.Krishnadevarayulu, Hon'ble Member of Parliament in the presence of Shri. G. Srinivas Reddy, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, on May 8, 2020, at Narasaraopet in Guntur District. The shelter is equipped with 50 beds/cots, drinking water, toilets, and other facilities for the homeless.



SHG WOMEN CONTRIBUTE THROUGH A SELFLESS ACT

As the nation battles the deadly coronavirus, Self-Help Groups in Nagaland have come forward to join the battle with their humanitarian gesture. Feeling the shortage of face masks in the market, they have stitched masks and handed over to the frontline people in the town. Also, to support the community during the ongoing pandemic, the SHGs participated in distribution of essentials such as *rice*, *daal*, vegetables, dairy products, bakery items, etc. to the needy. About 75 members from 10 SHGs are also enrolled as volunteers in the District Quarantine Centre. Apart from these, candidates trained in tailoring under the EST&P component of NULM produced masks and distributed them for free to police personnel on duty and the needy people in Peren and Dimapur towns of Nagaland.



TRAINING ON COVID 19 RESPONSE AND PREPAREDNESS

Towards ensuring public participation, MEPMA, Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with UNICEF, organized online training sessions to over 9,000 field personnel in various districts on preventive measures to contain COVID-19 spread. These members are to spread further the information and knowledge to over 23 lakh Self-Help Group members. More than 17.7 lakh urban households across the state have been sensitised on good health and hygiene practices.



HEALTH CAMP FOR STREET VENDORS ORGANISED

On May 6, 2020 a health check-up camp for street vendors was organised by Balasinor Municipality in Gujarat. A total of 150 vegetable and fruit vendors underwent health screenings to check for COVID-19 symptoms. The vendors were also assisted in downloading and use of *Aarogya Setu App* and were sensitised on using masks and adhering to social distancing norms while vending.