

# Fortnightly Newsletter

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## Initiatives of SHGs in response to covid 19



### VC CHAIRED BY THE SECRETARY, MOHUA ON MICRO-CREDIT SCHEME TO STREET VENDORS

A Video Conference was held on May 28, 2020 under the Chairpersonship of Shri Durga Shanker Mishra, Secretary (HUA) with the Principal Secretaries & Mission Directors for DAY-NULM of various States/UTs to discuss the proposal of special Micro-Credit facility scheme for street vendors. The States/UTs were advised to share their views on the proposed draft. The States/UTs which have not notified their Rules & Schemes under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014 were advised to expedite the same.

### TELANGANA- SHGs RESPOND TO OTHER HEALTH-BASED LIVELIHOOD OPTIONS

In addition to production of masks and sanitisers on mass scale to help in containment of spread of COVID-19, the SHGs in Telangana are also undertaking activities to control spread of other seasonal diseases. As a precautionary measure against outbreak of dengue, the Khammam ULB has given an order for 50,000 oil balls to 50 members of Self-Help Groups, to be supplied in a period of 20 days. The oil balls form a thin layer on the water bodies/stagnant water and control growth of mosquitos' larvae thus preventing their breeding and growth in drains.





### **SURVEY OF RATION CARD-LESS FAMILIES BY SELF HELP GROUPs**

In order to mitigate the problems faced by people in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and the related lockdowns, the Government of Bihar announced its decision to provide financial assistance of Rs 1,000 each to the poor families irrespective of their possession or otherwise of ration card. Self-Help Groups formed under DAY-NULM were engaged for conducting a door to door survey to identify eligible urban poor families without ration cards. So far, a total of 4.95 lakh families have been found without ration-card, out of which more than 4.80 lakh families have received an amount of Rs 1,000 each from Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

### **'VOCAL FOR LOCAL' - KHADI MASKS ENHANCE LIVELIHOODS OF SELF HELP GROUPs**

In the context of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call for promotion of local products, 1,620 women Self Help Groups (SHGs) in Rajasthan stepped-up their efforts to produce face masks using Khadi material. The SHGs have produced 6.82 lakh cost effective, washable and reusable masks and supplied the same to various municipalities. From this till now, they have earned an amount of Rs. 19.30 lakh during lockdown period.



### **SHGS EARN LIVELIHOOD THROUGH MAKING PROTECTIVE MASKS**

A tailoring unit was inaugurated in Chennai, Tamil Nadu with about 200 members of SHGs. These SHGs are already registered with the City Livelihoods Centre, as trained in tailoring profession. The unit focused on stitching masks and produced over 70,000 masks as a protection gear against corona virus spread. This effort, in addition to helping the women earn their livelihood, has also helped in protecting people from the spread of corona virus.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF ID CARDS TO THE STREET VENDORS**

To protect livelihoods of urban Street Vendors, 220 Street Vendors were distributed Identity cards in Andhra Pradesh. The ID cards were provided to the beneficiaries by the Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly Shri C. Appal Raju in a function organized by MEPMA, Andhra Pradesh. The Project Director, MEPMA and the Municipal Commissioner, Palasa, Srikakulam District were also present during the function.



### **SHG WOMEN IN TRIPURA CONTRIBUTE RS. 35,000 TO CM RELIEF FUND**

On May 22, 2020, a total of 61 urban SHGs of Tipura together contributed an amount of Rs 35,000 to the Chief Minister Relief Fund to support the State Government in its fight against COVID-19.

### **COVID 19 EMERGENCY LOANS FOR SHGs**

To mitigate the financial distress being faced by the SHGs women who are working selflessly to combat COVID-19 by producing masks and sanitizers, an emergency loan of up to Rs.50,000/- per group was provided in Andhra Pradesh. So far, a total of 8,244 urban SHGs have availed COVID-19 emergency loans worth Rs. 44.61 crore.

