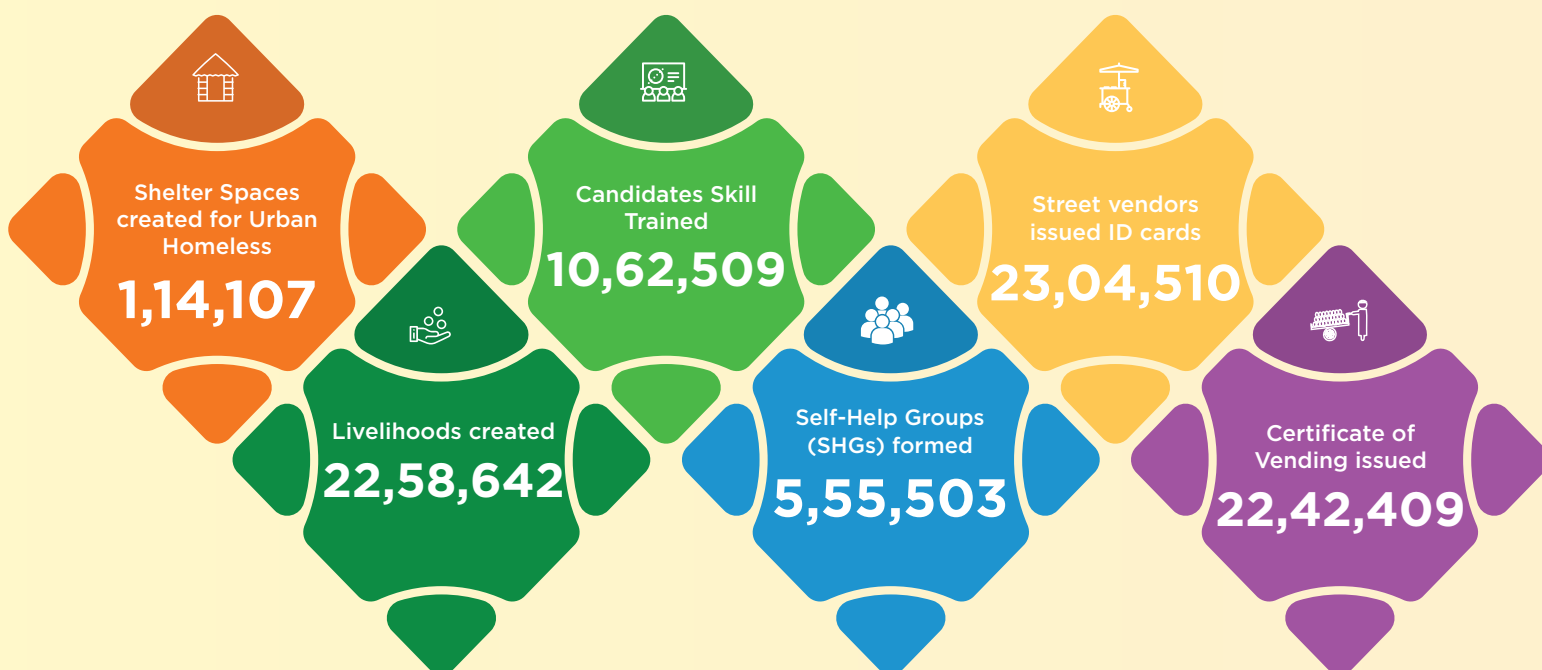


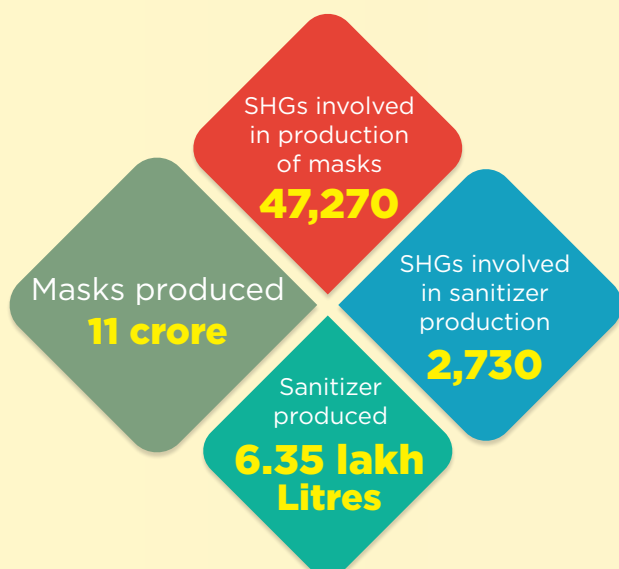
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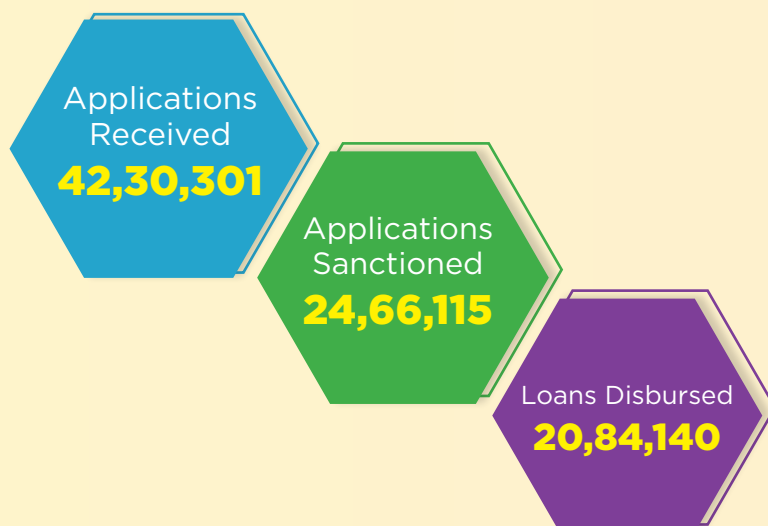
Updated Progress till June 15, 2021



Initiatives of SHGs in response to COVID-19



Progress of PM SVANidhi





Odisha announces financial assistance to Street Vendors

With prolonged lockdown in the wake of second wave of COVID-19 pandemic in the state of Odisha, Street vendors in urban areas have been suffering as their livelihood has been affected adversely. Towards mitigating the situation, on June 7, 2021, Government of Odisha announced a financial assistance of ₹3,000 each for street vendors, the second time amid COVID-19 pandemic. Over 87,500 street vendors across 114 urban local bodies would benefit due to this gesture.

Vending Zone inaugurated in Haryana

On June 3, 2021, Hon'ble Haryana Assembly Speaker and local Member of the Legislative Assembly Shri. Gian Chand Gupta inaugurated "Pandit Deendyal Upadhyay Rehri Market" - a newly developed vending zone in Sector 15, Panchkula. A total of 46 Street Vendors were allotted space along with modern vending carts in the vending zone.



BMC provides COVID vaccines to Urban Homeless

Bhubaneswar Municipal Corporation (BMC), Odisha administered vaccination to residents of Shelter for Urban Homeless (SUHs) across the city. The drive started on June 4, 2021 to cover the special categories of citizens including the urban homeless. More than 350 residents of 8 SUHs were vaccinated, including 195 residents without prescribed photo ID cards. Residents were also sensitised on COVID appropriate behaviour protocols.



Special Covid 19 vaccination camp for Street Vendors

On June 14, 2021, Nagar Nigam Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh organised a special vaccination camp for street vendors as part of the States' special COVID-19 vaccination drive in the state. Over 24,400 identified street vendors in the city are to be vaccinated as part of this drive. During the camp, ULB officials are also facilitating PM SVANidhi beneficiaries to receive the second tranche of loan of ₹20,000/- to those who have repaid their 1st loan on or before time.

Plantation drive by SHGs in Tripura

On the occasion of World Environment Day (5th June, 2021), 27 SHGs of Shantirbazar Municipality Council, Tripura initiated a plantation drive. A total of 267 SHG women planted more than 1,000 saplings in their house premises and various places in the city allocated by the ULB. The SHG members fixed a target of planting 10 trees per person to reach planting of 1,000 trees. SHG women also pledged together to 'heal nature' for healing themselves from pollution and for ecological balance. The ULB facilitated for providing of saplings to the SHGs.



Kitchen garden developed by SUH residents in Kolkata

In a replicable initiative, the residents of ASHROY Shelter for Urban Homeless, Kolkata Municipal Corporation, West Bengal have developed a kitchen garden, within the shelter premises, for growing organic vegetables. This includes tomato, papaya, pumpkin, ginger, brinjal, lady's finger, spinach, etc. A total of 22 shelter residents are involved in this initiative, which would partially meet their daily requirement. The Shelter Management Agency is supporting the initiative.



Transforming Lives: Story of Sheela Devi

Sheela Devi is a street vendor from ward no 23 of Bihat Nagar Parishad, Begusarai, Bihar. The Covid 19 pandemic and sudden death of her husband turned her life routine upside down. Due to lockdown, her business stopped, whatever little saving she had spent on meeting her household needs. Meanwhile, one day she received a call from the Nagar Parishad regarding a working capital loan up to ₹10,000/- under the PM SVANidhi scheme to resume business of street vendors. Since she had no money to run her business and earning of any kind she rushed to the camp and applied for the loan. She availed of a loan of ₹10,000/- from UCO Bank. She has also been provided with a QR code for conducting digital transactions. She restarted their shop and the sale improved subsequently. "Nobody can fill the void left after my husband but gradually with the help of this scheme I learned to stand on my own"- says Sheela with tears and a smile.

