

Fortnightly Newsletter

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COVID-19



Wash your
hands regularly
with soap and
water for 20
seconds



Avoid having
close contact
with anyone



Avoid touching
your face often



Clean and
disinfect
frequently
touched objects
and surfaces



UNITED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19

Message from Mission Director

We as a Nation are today facing unprecedented times that call for a greater cooperation and resilient team efforts for combating the COVID 19.

Leading by example, I am humbled/proud to witness how each one of our Mission functionaries across the country is ensuring that people do not face problems especially for their basic needs amidst the Nationwide lockdown that began from 25th March 2020 onwards.

The most inspiring in this process has been the undaunting spirit of our Self-Help Groups who have once again proved that they are our Mission's real foot soldiers on ground. I along with my entire team salute their efforts be it in production of masks, sanitizers or providing food to homeless.

I must mention that our Mission in specific has an important role to play in this fight considering that the street vendors, homeless, skill training candidates are all important part of the unorganized sector that has been hugely hit in this crisis. We must therefore take all possible efforts to ensure that their issues are well addressed.

As rumors spread way too faster, It is important to strengthen our efforts in creating awareness and information using simple and interactive tools . We encourage use of digital platforms including social media to promote and share the ground zero situation .

The health and safety of each one of you is important to us and we request you to take proper care of you and your family. Stay fit, calm and healthy while maintaining social distance and hygiene in all activities is the key to survive.

I also take this moment to reassure and reiterate that the Mission as team stands tall and strong in fighting this crisis. Let's keep sharing some inspiring initiatives for motivating and boosting each other's morale in winning the fight against COVID 19.

Once again thanking each one of you for your brilliant efforts !

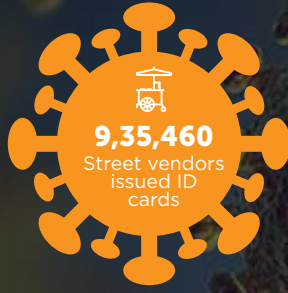
**Social
distancing for
21 days**

**Brave India is
what everyone
says**

**Saluting our
front warriors
in COVID 19
fight**

**Breaking
Transmission
queue to make
things right**

Progress since 2014-15 till March 31, 2020



Fund Released

Gujarat: ₹8.07 Crore

Nagaland: ₹63.71 Lakh

ADVISORY ISSUED

MoHUA issued advisories to States/UTs for provisioning of free food for the urban homeless and also on maintenance of **proper hygiene in NULM shelters during lockdown** in view of **COVID-19** outbreak.

SHGS WOMEN LEAD SUPPLY LINE IN BATTLE AGAINST COVID 19

In an effort to meet the shortage of face masks and hand sanitizers in the combat to check coronavirus spread, trained Self Help Groups emerged as agents of social change across the country, by engaging themselves in production of these two essential products, even while urging for maintaining hygiene and social distancing. These products are being sold at nominal prices.



FREE FOOD TO HOMELESS:

In a bid to help the homeless people to cope with the situation during the nationwide lockdown in country to break the chain of infection caused by the spread of COVID-19, free food, face masks, sanitizers and hand wash are being provided to the homeless residing in the shelters for urban homeless. Also, Special sanitization drives are being undertaken in shelters to prevent the spread of infection to residents and Shelter Management Staff.



SHG NETWORK POWER COMMUNITY KITCHENS DURING THE LOCKDOWN

To ensure availability of food to everyone during the lock-down period, States/ UTs are providing cooked food free of cost to shelter residents and the needy, by setting up community kitchens. Urban Local Bodies deployed women Self Help Groups for cooking and making food packets. Also, the SHGs are involved in delivering essential commodities at doorsteps of families.

SHGS SUPPLY VEGETABLES AND OTHER ESSENTIALS AT RESIDENTS' DOORSTEPS

To ensure people stay indoors during the nationwide lockdown, the Berhampur Municipal Corporation and Koraput Municipality, Odisha engaged SHGs for selling of vegetables at the door steps of the residents. The SHG women have been provided push carts with vegetables, masks, sanitizer, hand-gloves. They have also been sensitised to maintain social distancing while selling of products.



TRAINED YOUTH ENGAGED TO ASSIST HEALTH WORKERS

A total of 81 candidates trained in General Duty Assistants course in the Healthcare sector under Employment through Skill Training & Placement (ESTP) component of the Mission were engaged, to assist the health workers in providing medical care to the COVID-19 infected people in the District Hospital of Khargone, Madhya Pradesh.

AWARENESS PROGRAMMES IN SHELTERS ORGANISED

Awareness programmes on precautionary measures to control the spread of novel coronavirus were organised for the residents and shelter management staff at the shelters for urban homeless across the country. Demonstration sessions were also organised for the residents on proper hand-washing and maintaining social distancing.



HEALTH CAMPS FOR SHELTER RESIDENTS IN KARNATAKA

To address the health issues of the residents, free health check-up camps were organised by the Public Health Department at 44 shelters run by Karnataka State Urban Livelihoods Mission.

SHGS CONTRIBUTE FINANCIAL IN FIGHT AGAINST COVID 19 IN MIZORAM

16 Women SHGs of Aizawl, Kolasib, Serchhip and Champhai contributed an amount of Rs. 25,500/- to their Local Task Force for distribution of food and essential commodities to the vulnerable and needy people in the city during the nationwide lockdown in the wake of COVID-19 spread.

