



Our COVID-19 Response¹

Big News:

Oxfam India won the Gold Award at the 4th CSR Health Impact Award in Covid Relief Project (NGO) category on 22 August. In an online event, the award was received by Pankaj Anand (Director, Programmes & Advocacy) on behalf of Oxfam India. The CSR Health Impact Awards is a flagship event of the Integrated Health and Wellbeing (IHW) Council, a premier think tank promoting health for all. The 4th edition is hosted in association with Jagran Pehel.

Outreach

- We are in **16 states** with our Project PSP (Protect, Secure, Preserve): We have reached out with food and safety kits in 16 states — Delhi, UP, Bihar, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Assam, Karnataka, Kerala, West Bengal, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Telangana, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. We have also reached out to over 16 states through our virtual training to partner NGOs, volunteers, frontline health workers on COVID-19.
- We extended our work on different national and state highways to reach out to migrant workers who were returning to their villages and towns on foot. **This part of the PSP project is called 'Pathik'.**
- Through our COVID-19 response we have reached out to the most marginalised and vulnerable communities; communities that are most discriminated against. We have been on the field for over two months and apart from the migrant workers returning home—on foot, on trucks and on cycles—we have reached out to weavers from the Padmashali community, tribal forest dwellers, dalit fisherfolk, tiger widows of Sunderbans, leprosy and cancer patients, home-based commercial sex workers, members of the transgender community, sanitation workers, members from the nomadic community, tea garden workers, the differently abled and people with disabilities, the elderly, community affected by riots, brick kiln workers, rag pickers, beggars and the homeless.

Food: Dry Ration

- **71744 households have been supported with dry food ration** in Maharashtra, Delhi, UP, Bihar, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Assam, Telangana, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Kerala. This will take care of the food requirement of nearly **358,720 people.**
- This includes **467** dry food ration kits distributed among **cancer patients** in Delhi and **255** among **leprosy patients** in the West Bengal's Bankura district & parts of Delhi. Kits were also distributed among **500 belonging to the transgender** community in Kolkata, Raipur & Bangalore.

¹ as on 27 August 2020



- Dry ration was provided to run '**dignity kitchens**' in **Ahmedabad**. These kitchens run by the migrant workers themselves will take care of the food requirements of **1500 stranded labourers**.
- Dry ration is distributed among the poorest households — those who rely on daily wages and do not have any money or food since the lockdown. These include brick kiln workers in Patna and Puri, tea garden workers in West Bengal, homeless in Chennai, and migrant workers in Raipur. Focus is on those workers who do not have access to PDS ration, especially in Bihar.
- The dry ration includes rice, flour, pulses, salt, some spices such as *haldi* & chilli powder, edible oil, sugar, tea, soybean. These kits vary according to the cultural context of the different states. For instance, the kit in Delhi includes Rajma instead of Soybean. Similarly, the dry ration kits in Karnataka's Tumkur district contain Ragi, a staple millet in Karnataka. The idea is to also ensure that the nutritional requirements — carbohydrate, fat, protein — of the families are met. The kit serves a family of five for two meals a day for a period of 30 days.

Food: Cooked Meals

- **60080** packets of ready to eat cooked meals have been distributed in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Delhi, Gujarat and Maharashtra.
- This includes the **7725** meals distributed under the new project Pathik - which caters to the needs of the migrant workers returning home on cycles, foot, in trucks, trailers and buses. This was distributed on National Highways in Delhi, UP, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, and Odisha-AP border
- The hot cooked meals were served to the stranded migrant workers, informal sector workers who lost their jobs, beggars, and the homeless.
- Virat Kohli's one8 Commune (restaurant) collaborated with Oxfam India to provide hot cooked meal in parts of Delhi; **6500** packets were distributed in a fortnight.

Project Pathik

- Food and hygiene kits were distributed among **4665** migrant workers returning home. This was distributed on National Highways in Delhi, UP, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, and Odisha-AP border
- These kits include chiwda, sattu, biscuits, Horlicks, water, jaggery, soap, salt, Glucon-D and sanitary napkins. In Karnataka, the kit also included ragi biscuits and chikki. Gamcha was added to the Bihar kits.
- The Pathik Vans distributing the food and hygiene kits are equipped with first aid kits in case of a medical emergency.



Kits for Women

- **300 hygiene kits** were distributed among women from riparian communities in Gorakhpur (UP). The kit consisted of six bathing soap, six washing soap, nail cutter, comb, towel, three face masks & two sanitary pad packets.
- Under the Pathik Project in UP, **76 sanitary napkins** were given away to migrant women workers returning to their homes. This was not included in the food & hygiene kit but given on a requirement basis.

Unconditional Cash Transfers

- UCTs of Rs 5000 have been made to **3254** households in Bihar, Assam, Odisha and Tamil Nadu; **Rs 162.70 lakh** have been distributed.
- The criteria for the UCT is that they are the most marginalised, single women or women led households, and persons with disabilities.
- In Tamil Nadu, unconditional cash transfers were made to families of 62 sanitation workers in Chennai. In Bihar, the focus is on single, widowed women and women-led households.

Safety Kits & PPE kits*

- **45839 safety kits** have been distributed in states like Kerala, Maharashtra, Bihar, Odisha, Assam, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Telangana, for **frontline workers** including doctors, nurses, hospital staff, police stations and other support staff.
- **5926 PPE kits** to government hospitals and state health departments in Bihar, UP, Maharashtra, Haryana, Delhi, Kerala and Karnataka
- Of these **700 PPE kits** handed over to the Indian Army deployed in the Northeast. **200 PPE kits** distributed were given to the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, Bangalore.

*{**Safety kits of Staff/Volunteers in the field:** 3-ply mask (2 unit) & Liquid Hand washing Lifebuoy 200 ml (1 unit);

PPE kits/Safety kits for Doctors/Nurse Medical staff and other hospital staffs directly dealing with Covid-19 patient: N95 EQUIVALENT Mask (2 unit), Nitrile Gloves (2 pair), PPE Kit (Full Body cover) (1 unit), Disposable goggles (1 unit) & Hand sanitiser 200 ml (1 unit)}

Hand-washing Station



Two portable, hands-free, washing station was set up at a quarantine centre in Pune district. The hand washing unit was set up in a 100-bed quarantine facility. (*confirming the beds*)

Mass Awareness

- Over **5 million** people have been reached through awareness generation messages on COVID-19 by using various innovative communication mediums such as mobile vans, miking from public places such as temples and mosques. These have been well appreciated by respective state governments.
- **12725 volunteers** and **22 CSOs** have been added to the WG-CAN platform for the dissemination of COVID-19 related information; **152507 messages** across the country using the WG-CAN platform (software/website).
- Mobile van awareness campaign in UP and Bihar carried out through miking and announcements. In UP, this was done in Gorakhpur, Bahraich and Lucknow. And there is request by the state government to go to other districts in UP.
- Alternative messaging systems such as Microware software has been pilot-tested in Uttar Pradesh and Assam for mass messaging of preventive efforts. In UP, the use of a tele texting software for awareness generation is being actioned in collaboration with the UPSDMA. Lucknow University has been brought onboard as a strategic partner for awareness generation through tele texting. At present, the messages are directly shared with over 600 volunteers across Uttar Pradesh.
- IEC material designed by Oxfam and partners for dissemination of information via multiple available platforms—online and offline, in Kerala, Maharashtra, UP, Assam and West Bengal.

Working with Government and other NGOs

- Letters of appreciation received from the Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar government.
- Oxfam India signed an MOU with the Jharkhand State government to work together to track migrants and link them up with support systems and aids. OIN is also working with the state to create a dashboard to track migrant workers.
- Uttar Pradesh's Health department is in talks with Oxfam India to develop IEC material for mass awareness. Bihar too worked closely with the State Health Society for the distribution of the PPE kits.
- Uttar Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (UPSDMA) has formed a Task Force on COVID-19. Oxfam India has been nominated to this Task Force, and we are providing advice and support to UPSDMA and seeking necessary support for effective actions by CSOs as necessary.

- Sphere India, the apex network of humanitarian agencies, has formed a working group to coordinate with inter-agency groups in the states. Oxfam India is co-chairing this group for stronger coordination with all leaders in the Inter-agency groups.

Training and Orientation

- Oxfam India and partners have deployed 260 volunteers and 65 staff across several states.
- More than 300 Oxfam staff, partner staff and volunteers from Assam, Bihar, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra have been provided orientation on COVID-19 focusing on self-protection and protection of others.
- Trainings have been given to Oxfam staff and partners on COVID-19 and Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) response, on Gender, Social Protection and EFSVL (Emergency Food Security and Vulnerable Livelihoods), and on community engagement and risk communication.
- Overall, State-wise online training has been delivered to **2500** staff, volunteers, partners staff in Delhi, Kerala, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha, West Bengal, Bihar, Karnataka, Jammu and Kashmir, and Tamil Nadu.
