

Indian Red Cross Society

Pan-India COVID19 Response

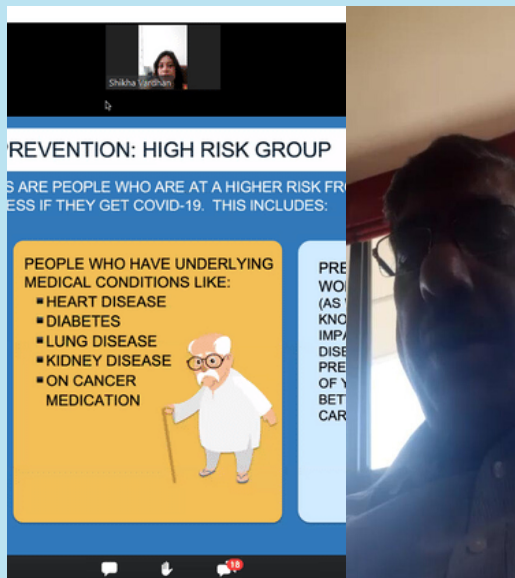


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Today's Highlights



Online Training of Volunteers

It was the first time in the history of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) that 900 staff and volunteers participated in an online orientation program for response to COVID19.

In the orientation sessions of over 4 hours, information on 'Self- protection, door to door surveys, community surveillance & quarantine services' was shared with the participants. Different departments of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (**MoHFW**), **GOI**, World Health Organization (**WHO**) and **UNICEF** facilitated the training with inputs from Indian Red Cross Society.

The Secretary General desired and encouraged all Red Crossers to rise to the occasion as this has been one of the worst calamities of our time.

Today's Updates



Indian Red Cross strives to reach the most vulnerable. Volunteers in Chatra, Jharkhand distributed ration & fresh vegetables among people of the Birhor tribal/adiwasi forest community as well as those from the Baiga tribe today.



Red Cross volunteers in Arunachal Pradesh are regularly visiting & observing households that have been placed under quarantine & isolation to ensure that members are staying at home & are following the standard guidelines.



Volunteers in Panchgani, Maharashtra are regularly visiting homes of individuals placed under home quarantine to keep a track of their health status & to monitor the health of their close contacts as well.

Volunteers in W.Bengal prepare bundles of dry ration for distribution among 100 families of the vulnerable Adivasi/Tribal 'Sabar' community



WATER IS LIFE

Volunteers in Nagaland distributed water among Police personnel on duty in Noklak district today!



In **Manipur**, early risers make necessary purchases for their households in the wee hours of the morning. Post lockdown, as they step out in large numbers, the **Red Cross volunteers** help them maintain appropriate **social distance** in marketplaces and conduct **community surveillance** to ensure guidelines are followed .



Volunteers in Madhya Pradesh distributed dry ration among the homeless, street dwellers & the elderly



Our team in Jammu & Kashmir distributed essential food items among migrant labourers stranded in the state



Volunteers in W.Bengal conducted an awareness drive to educate rural communities on spread of COVID19

Red Cross Volunteers in action

30,000



Present across

1100

Red Cross Units in India



Primary Activities

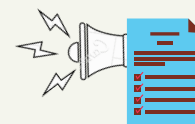
Dissemination & Awareness Creation

Through IEC material developed in local languages.

Campaigns in public places, at doorsteps to reach the last mile

By enforcing social distancing in public places such as pharmacy shops, kirana stores, farmer markets

Distribution of PPE: masks, gloves, sanitizers, soaps



Preparation & Distribution of Food among the needy

Community kitchens being run to prepare & deliver packed food to migrants, homeless, in slums & remote rural areas

Dry ration & clean water being distributed

Fruits, water being provided to volunteers & Government staff providing services



IRCS' Focus



In close coordination with the district administration, Red Cross volunteers are conducting the following activities:

- **Community Surveillance** to enforce lockdown and social distancing in public places
- **Home delivery of essential items** such as food, ration, medicines for women headed households, senior citizens, disabled individuals
- **Logistic support** in running and monitoring **quarantine & isolation centers** and homes of suspect cases
- Several **Red Cross hospitals & cyclone shelters** are being **converted into Isolation centres** for suspect cases
- Where possible, available spaces are being converted into **Shelter Homes** for the needy
- Pilgrims, tourists, migrant labourers, students & others are being provided food & shelter & are **being connected with their families**

Red Cross owned vehicles have been made available to the local administration for use

Out of the total 89 Red Cross **blood banks**, many are **being run 24/7**. All efforts are being made to meet the needs of **Thalassemic & other blood transfusion dependent patients**. **Pick and drop facility** is being provided to donors **wherever possible**.

All precautions are being taken to ensure safety of staff, blood donors and patient attendants.