

Indian Red Cross Society

Pan-India COVID19 Response



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Today's Highlights



The Gujarat State **Govt.** has given the State **Red Cross** responsibility of **home delivering medicines** for patients of **Thalassemia, HIV-AIDS & TB**. This shall ensure that these patients do not need to step out of their homes in the wake of covid19



Red Crossers are **life savers!** In **Uttarakhand**, Red Cross volunteers rushed to take an **old lady** to the **hospital** immediately on receiving a call for help. She was feeling **unwell** and was **alone at home**. Our volunteers stayed with her and ensured that she did not face any difficulty.

Today's Updates



Blood Bank staff in Kurnool, **Andhra Pradesh** **clean and disinfect** their own **premises** as well as the **surrounding** areas of the Blood Bank using bleaching powder.



In **Tamil Nadu**, volunteers worked tirelessly to **pack & distribute ration** & other grocery items at the doorstep of **disabled** individuals. Volunteers also assured them of their continued support



In **Odisha**, volunteers encourage **VBDs** to **donate** blood by informing them about the initiatives taken by IRCS to **ensure safety** for all. All Blood Banks have been advised by Nhp to practice safety precautions in the wake of covid19



Volunteers in **Haryana** are going all out to reach every person in need. They distributed **packed food** among the **labourers** walking their way home on the **National Highway**



Volunteers in Silchar, **Assam** distributed essential relief aid such as **dry ration** on a **remote river island**. All the material was loaded on to a boat & shipped to the location



Volunteers in **J & K** are making all efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus. They are **sanitizing** all **susceptible areas** such as office buildings, banks, ATMs & other such places across multiple locations in the city of Jammu.



Volunteers in Telangana distributed dry ration among communities who have no source of income in the post lockdown period



Volunteers in Chattisgarh are reaching the needy with essential relief aid such as food, masks & are also spreading awareness on COVID19



Armed with Red Cross masks provided by the State Branch, volunteers in Bihar are ready for action in the fight against COVID19!

Red Cross Volunteers in action

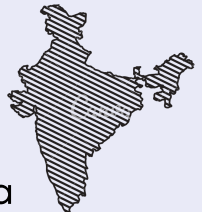
30,000



Present across

1100

Red Cross Units in India



Primary Activities

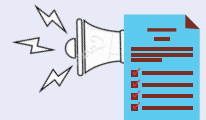
Dissemination & Awareness Creation

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.