

Indian Red Cross Society

Pan-India COVID19 Response



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Today's Highlights



EVERY LIFE COUNTS

for

RED CROSSERS

Our **volunteer** in **Mumbai**, **Jay Pandaram** is doing all he can to **feed the street dogs** who have been left **starving** in the **post lockdown** period. He is regularly feeding them as a true humanitarian!



Volunteers in **Sultanpur, U.P.** are conducting extensive **awareness drives** in rural areas to educate people who have **returned home from cities**. They are encouraging them to **practice precautions** so that the **disease does not spread** among others in the **village**



Today's Updates



R Lalnunthar Khawbung, a **volunteer** from **Dima Hasao, Assam** has been **making** facial **masks** at home. He has already **distributed** several hundred among the needy and is striving to reach many more in need of protective masks



Due to the current **lock down**, **victims** of a **fire** tragedy in **Manipur** encountered difficulty in **arranging food** & certain other **essential** items for themselves. Most of their belongings were burnt in the fire. Volunteers & staff from **IRCS Manipur** extended help in the form of **utensils, towels** and **mosquito nets**



Volunteers in **Koraput, Odisha** are ensuring that rural communities practice **social distancing** when they **gather** to **collect water** & manage other essential needs. Rice, essential food material & other relief aid is also being distributed among those in need to ensure food supply reaches everyone

Volunteers in **Chatra, Jharkhand** are preparing fresh food in the IRCS operated "**Janseva Rasoi**" for several hundred **migrant labourers** & people of the **forest dweller Birhor & Baiga** communities. While the labourers eat in the Red Cross premises, food is packed & **delivered** at the **doorstep** of the **remote forest people**



Volunteers in Himachal Pradesh are supporting the District Administration in enforcing social distancing in all public places



Staff & volunteers in Tamil Nadu facilitated transportation of 38 quarantined people to a Govt. Hospital in Red Cross Ambulances



Volunteers in Bettiah, Bihar are conducting awareness campaigns in public places to encourage masses to practice precautions & keep safe

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.