

# Indian Red Cross Society

COVID19 Response



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"Blood donation saves lives, let's raise awareness for Blood Donation & ensure that the needy have timely & affordable access to safe and quality blood. I urge everyone to come forward & donate blood atleast on their birthday. Not only is it a service to humanity, it also keeps the donor healthy."

**Dr. Harsh Vardhan, Hon'ble HFM & Chairman IRCS**

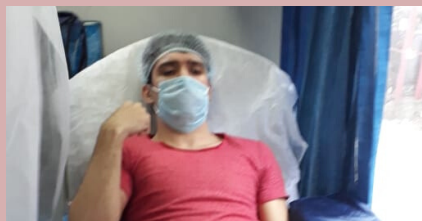
## Our Impact

Blood Services are an essential service, just like food & water. Thus, IRCS Blood Banks across the country are making all possible efforts to ensure seekers do not face any difficulty. In the last month, **IRCS Telangana** organized 81 blood donation camps, collecting 4836 units. 3261 units have been issued to the needy which include 1012 units issued to Thalassemics

In order to ensure the needy have easy access to safe blood, **IRCS Tehatta, W.Bengal** has taken multiple initiatives to motivate VBDs to donate blood during the corona crisis lockdown. 10 camps have been organized till date where 104 donors came forward to donate blood. Blood donations have also been facilitated for 12 Thalassemics & 4 pregnant patients

**IRCS Andhra Pradesh** has been working tirelessly to educate masses on covid19 precautions. What is remarkable is that volunteers & their families are going the extra mile to stitch reusable, 3 layered cloth masks. This effort is helping them reach the last mile & ensure no one is left behind. 2,52,291 such masks have been distributed till date

## Today's Highlights



**IRCS NHQ Blood Bank** organized a camp in Red Cross' mobile blood collection unit in Uttam Nagar, Delhi, collecting a total of 20 units. All social distancing & donor assessment norms were strictly adhered to



Volunteers in **Odisha** are leaving no stone unturned to provide meals/food to the elderly, homeless, stranded labourers & other vulnerable sections facing the brunt of the lockdown. 5000+ meals have been served till date



The lockdown has impacted livelihoods of vulnerable sections such as the Van Raji Tribe. **IRCS UK** is providing them with dry ration, clothes, etc. to tide over this difficulty. An alternate source of income is also being devised



**IRCS Tamil Nadu** is working tirelessly to ensure the needy don't go hungry. Recently, volunteers in Tiruppur District distributed 100 provision kits among families of stranded migrant labourers

## Updates from NHQ

### **Blood Bank- NHQ**

Units **Collected** : 151

Units **Issued** : 226

Units **Available** -

**132** units of **PRBC**, **33** units of **Platelet Concentrate**, **1434** units of **FFP**



155 people benefited from the Mobile Dispensary Unit run by **IRCS Pune, Maharashtra**. This initiative has helped 1907 people ascertain their health condition till date

42,000 **Red Cross** Volunteers are in action across **550+ districts**



### IRCS Maharashtra State Branch

"The excellent work my districts, sub-districts and ancillary units are executing during these difficult times is commendable. Without their cooperation and unconditional commitment, addressing this pandemic would otherwise be a herculean task. I wish the volunteers and others who have silently been a part of this on-going battle good health and safety."

**Sh. Tehmuras B Sakloth, General Secretary, IRCS Maharashtra State Branch**



- Active District **Branches: 25**
- **Frontline** volunteers: 900
- **People reached:**  
**Cooked Food** Packets:  
Till date: 90,000
- **Dry Ration** Packets:  
Till date: 50,000
- **Ambulances, Red Cross vehicles: 15**  
People benefited: 5000
- **Resources spent on relief aid:**  
Rs. 50 lakhs

- **Blood Collection:**  
Till date: 3542 units  
Camps: 258
- Blood Issued: 4878 units
- **Distribution of personal protection items:**  
Face masks: 15,000; Sanitizers: 10,000;  
Soaps: 5,000; Other Items: 3,000
- **Psychosocial support** provided to: 1000 people
- **People in Red Cross managed Isolation, Quarantine facilities: 5000**

## Beneficiaries & Red Crossers Speak



"As a construction worker, I am dependent on daily wages earned at the end of a hard work day. Due to the lock down, construction activities were put on hold temporarily & I had no source of income. As a result, I could not even manage my meals. Thankfully, Red Cross Mumbai District came to our area and distributed dry ration through the local administration. They even gave us masks, sanitizers and informed us about the importance of social distancing. I am deeply thankful to them for reaching out to people like me."

**Sh. Rohan Bhaskar Anubhavane, a beneficiary from Mumbai, Maharashtra**

"In Gujarat, volunteers are going all out to augment the efforts of the Government in containing the spread of the corona outbreak. They are educating & encouraging communities to follow all safety precautions, providing relief aid to needy people living at the last mile & ensuring the needy receive blood without any difficulty. In this spirit, Red Cross Bhavnagar has reached 2,39,000 people through various activities carried out by its committed volunteers. I salute all corona warriors without whom this would not have been possible."

**Sh. Sumit A. Thakkar, a Red Cross Volunteer from IRCS Bhavnagar, Gujarat**



## In the Media

