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Recent Updates

As **Assam** continues to battle ravaging floods, nearly 33 lakh people stand affected in 28 districts. Red Cross teams are going to the remotest areas & doing all they can to support those in need. IRCS Assam has set up relief camps in several places to provide shelter to the needy. Volunteers continue distribution of relief aid such as tarpaulins, dry ration, mosquito nets, drinking water, clothes, etc. among affected communities. Volunteers are concurrently creating awareness on COVID19 safety precautions to keep people safe amid the rising threat of the pandemic. Soaps, masks & other hygiene material are being distributed & everyone is being encouraged to practice social distancing norms. Till date, **9,283 tarpaulins** have been distributed by a network of around **500 Red Cross volunteers** who are working tirelessly on the frontline to support the most vulnerable communities in the remotest areas. This is helping us support close to **46,000 beneficiaries** reeling under the devastating impact of these floods. Another group of 500+ volunteers has reached almost 40,000 people in need with **1000+ dry ration kits, 800 mosquito nets, 2000 hygiene items** such as soaps, **2000 utensils, 3400+ PPEs** & other essential aid.



Recently, IRCS **Uttarkashi** District Branch, **Uttarakhand** provided relief aid to an elderly lady whose home had been burnt down in a fire, in the village of Saari.

Besides, the SERV team of **Dehradun** reached out to the Forest Dept. in Uttarakhand to facilitate granting of compensation to a family who had lost their 12 year old daughter due a leopard attack.

IRCS **Tarn Taran, Punjab** organised a blood donation camp, collecting a total of **115 units** of blood.

56 units were collected by IRCS **Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh** at a camp organised by NTPC Rihand & CISF.

IRCS **Ranga Reddy, Telangana** collected **55 units** of blood at a camp organized in Cyberabad.



Recently, IRCS **Kundapur** Taluk Branch, **Karnataka** handed over one imported BPL Ventilator to the Taluk Government Hospital.

Stock Availability NHQ Blood Bank

Update from 10th to 16th July, 2020

Units **Collected** : 467

Units **Issued** : 618

Units Available Today-

342 units of PRBC,

80 units of PC,

618 units of FFP; 52 units of WB

Despatch to State/UT Branches

IRCS Meghalaya:

Face Masks: **45,000**



Donate Blood: Gift Life



Indian Red Cross Society, **Rajkot District Branch, Gujarat** collected a staggering **448 units** of blood at a camp organized on 08/07/2020.

A big **thank you** to all the generous blood **donors** who stepped forward to donate blood during this time of crisis!

IRCS Mandi, Himachal Pradesh's 'SERV Sankalp' Program: A Lifeline for the Most Vulnerable



The 'SERV Sankalp' Program being run by IRCS Mandi, Himachal Pradesh in collaboration with the District Administration during the COVID19 lockdown period has proved to be a boon for the most vulnerable sections, such as the **elderly and Persons With Disabilities (PWDs)**. The Mandi District Red Cross Society (DRCS) Branch began training 15-20 volunteers in every Panchayat of the district on first aid & emergency response to natural & man made disasters such as fire tragedies, floods, etc. with support from IRCS NHQ & IFRC. The training was initiated in 2016 & today, a staggering 10,600 SERVs are working tirelessly & selflessly to serve the most needy, in inaccessible hilly terrains across the district.

During the COVID lockdown period, these SERVs have been going door to door in their respective Panchayats to gather information & extend all possible support to any person in need, with a special focus on the elderly & PWDs. They have delivered medicines, food material as well as other essential commodities right at the doorstep of several such people. Not only this, SERVs have also worked in coordination with the Government Departments to resolve bank related as well as pension issues for the needy. When a medicine is unavailable locally, the nodal SERV contacts the DRCS Mandi Headquarters Branch to procure the prescribed medication for the beneficiary. Recently, SERV Dile Ram & the team from DRCS Mandi came to the timely aid of a 98 year old elderly lady, Maltu Devi, who lives in a remote rural area of the district, Dumat Behli. Our team rushed to arrange & reach Maltu Devi with the much needed medicines prescribed to her after traversing a distance of 24 Kms! By providing them with succour during these difficult times, the SERV Sankalp Program has proved to be a lifeline for the most vulnerable sections. We salute & thank our dedicated Red Cross volunteers who have been selflessly serving the most needy during the COVID crisis.



Hon'ble Health Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu used the pedal operated hand washing kiosk installed by IRCS **Tamil Nadu** at IOG Hospital in Chennai.

