# **Indian Red Cross Society**

COVID19 Response

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"A 24/7 control room for blood services in Delhi has been made operational. Call 011-23359379, if you need blood or wish to donate blood"

Dr. Vanshree Singh, Director Blood Bank, IRCS

## **Our Impact**

350 food packets distributed in slums of Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh

More than 600 masks distributed in rural areas of Kundapur, Karnataka

Fresh farm vegetables distributed among 96 needy people in Imphal, Manipur

806 people provided dry ration in Panipath, Haryana

1100 blankets distributed among migrant labourers stranded in Budgam, J & K

Till date, 1747 people accommodated in Red Cross shelters in Thanjavur, T.N.

Platelets & PRBC available at IRCS Nhq Blood Bank are 59 & 135 respectively

# **Today's Highlights**



Blood services have been declared as essential services.

Thus, IRCS will be holding a blood donation camp in mobile blood collection units in Ashok Vihar area tomorrow. All infection control & social distancing measures will be followed & the vans will be disinfected regularly



A **blood** donation **camp** was held at **IRCS Warangal** Blood Bank. All covid19 safety **guidelines** were strictly adhered to while accepting donors as well as during the entire process of blood donation.

## **Blood Services**

Hon'ble Minister of Health & Family Welfare, **Dr Harsh Vardhan** held a **meeting** with **IRCS** on 09 April, 2020 to **discuss** the **current drop** in **blood** availability due to COVID19. He desired that every possible step be taken to ensure availability of safe blood during the lockdown for people in need. Hon'ble HFM also advised that blood mobile vans be utilized to



hold blood donation camps near residences by following proper safety measures. He has asked State Governments to allow blood donation camps while maintaining social distancing. Please use this link to fill the form & request for a camp in your locality:

https://indianredcross.org/ircs/program/BloodBank/requestCamp

60,000+



#### Across

**577** 



## **Districts** in **India**

## **Our Activities**

- Community kitchens, distribution of dry ration
- Community surveillance & community service (home delivery of essential items)
- Logistic support to quarantined homes & centers
- Red Cross Ambulances for transporting patients
- Distribution of masks, gloves, soaps, IEC material, etc.
- Shelter Homes, Red Cross Hospitals & Isolation centers
- Establishing link between stranded people & their families
- Maintaining an uninterrupted supply of blood by providing pick & drop facility & collecting blood through Blood mobile vans











# **Beneficiaries Speak**



"I was out on a vacation in Amritsar when the lockdown was announced. Since 28th of March, 2020, I & 3 of my friends have been living in Red Cross' shelter home in Palwal. We are getting very good food, tea, snacks. It is very clean. I am very happy that regular medical check-ups are also being conducted. "

Ram Kumar Verma, from Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh stranded in Haryana (7351322628)

"I have come to Indian Red Cross Society to donate blood. Covid19 has created a shortage of blood in many blood banks. Thalaseemic patients including many children need us during this time. I would request all of you to come forward and donate blood in this time of crisis."

Dr Nishchal Gupta, Blood Donor at IRCS NHQ Blood Bank



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