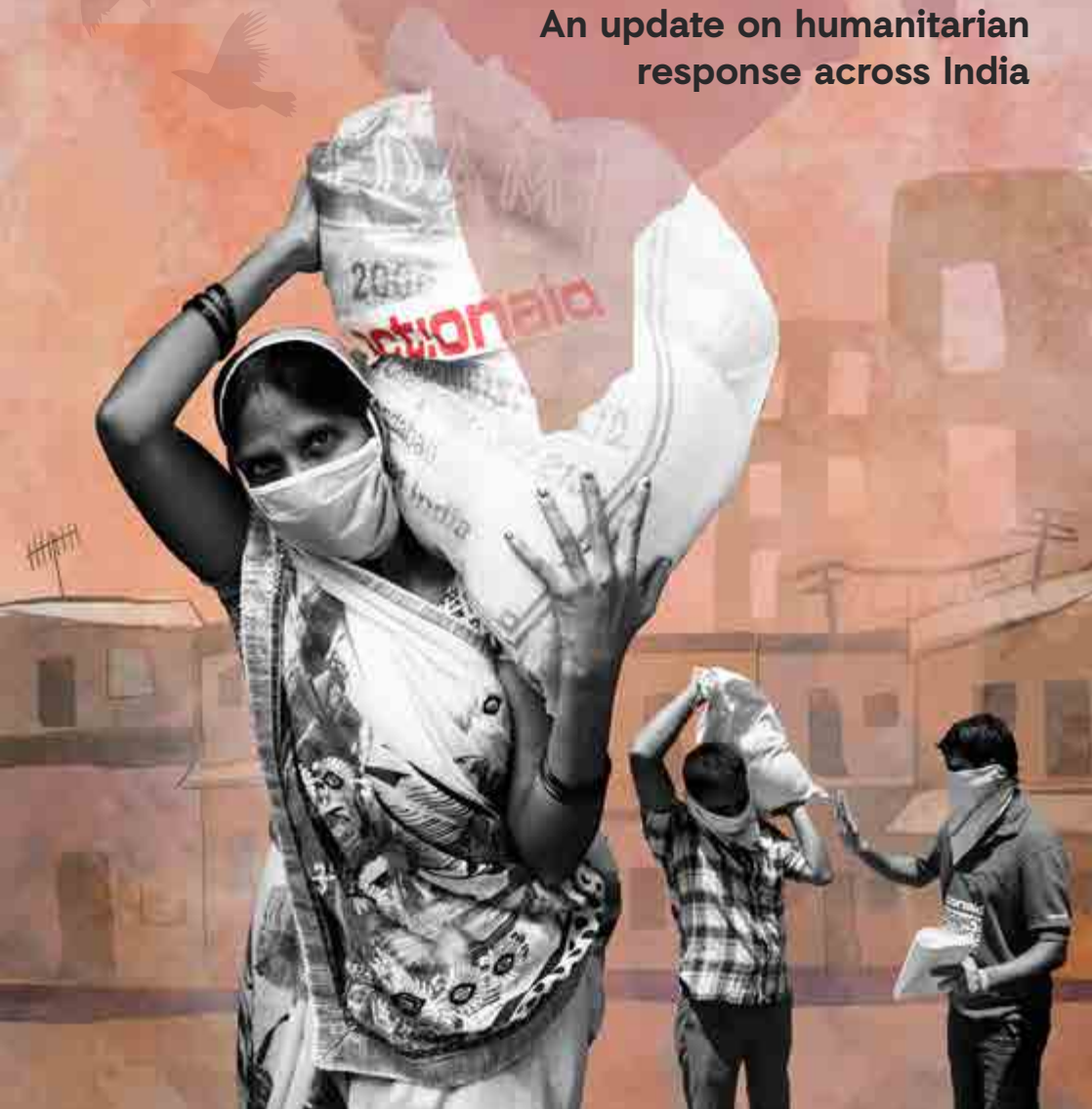




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An update on humanitarian  
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In these time of crisis,  
ActionAiders across India are  
working tirelessly on the ground  
to bring succour to daily wagers,  
low income families and migrant workers,  
hoping to release the burden they face  
due to loss of income and livelihoods,  
a result of the necessary lockdown.



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# An unprecedented crisis

COVID-19, declared a pandemic in late January 2020 by the World Health Organisation, has transformed into the 'biggest crisis ever since World War 2'. The virus has precipitated a humanitarian crisis alongside the public health crisis, caused by the necessary lockdowns and restrictions on work and movement to stop the spread of the infection. In terms of casualties caused and the social and economic loss left in its wake, the crisis is escalating and its impact is here to stay, at least for the next 3 to 6 months. As on 16th July 2020, India had 3,31,146 active cases and recorded 24,915 COVID-19 deaths. The infection has also exposed the challenges of liveable space, food availability and job and income security and the danger of indebtedness. With a huge informal sector, employing more than 85% of the workforce, 139 million people who migrate in search of work and nine million annual inter-state migrants, the state prescriptions of lock-down, social distancing and 'stay at home' to contain the coronavirus have affected migrant workers, daily wage labourers and low income households the most. Our colleagues and the grassroots based civil society organisations we work with are tirelessly trying to provide relief and succour to individuals and families in need from vulnerable sections of society across India. As of 16th June 2020 we have been able to provide relief to 45.52 lakh people across 229 districts in 23 States and one Union Territory.

Our response has been at three levels. We have provided grounded inputs from the perspective of workers and vulnerable communities to Union and State Government policy and programme processes. We have spread awareness on sanitation and protection to communities and staff and volunteers who are responding. And finally we brought immediate relief and succour through cooked food, dry rations, sanitation materials and counselling support. ActionAid Association (AAA) has striven to reach out to migrant workers and families of people dependent on the informal economy, who are most-affected by the lockdown and most at risk if the infection spreads.

AAA reached out to the Covid-19 Economic Response Task Force led by the Finance Minister, with suggestions and have offered all support to the High-Level Committee for Engagement of Private Sector, International Organisations, CSOs/NGOs and other Development Partners constituted by the Government of India, under the Chairmanship of the Chief Executive Officer, NITI Aayog. Our suggestions have also been well-received by State Governments, and we continue engaging with Government and statutory bodies, including the National Commission for Women, to ensure policies which place marginalised communities and the women and children amongst them at the core of all interventions.

AAA has created a series of publications on the theme "Isolate, Don't Abandon" to capture the needs and vulnerabilities of people in the informal economy, marginalised communities, women and children, make popular progressive agendas.

Our teams, which include district co-ordinator teams across more than 100 districts, our volunteer teams and staff of our civil society organisations we work with, have collaborated with State Governments and local administration to spread awareness among marginalised communities on the need to maintain lock down and hygiene practices to stop the spread of the disease. We have secured support from a large number of donors, individual, corporate and institutional, and worked with community-based financial supporters, the local administration and drawn on the limited resources available with us to provide immediate supplies of dry ration, cooked food and sanitation material. Our supply of support materials have been focused on the households dependent on the informal economy, who are at most risk as social distancing is an almost insurmountable challenge for them, and the lock down has led to an immediate stop to work and income, and they have little if any resources to cope with the lockdown.

As per our approach in all humanitarian responses to emergency situations, our efforts have been to reach out to the aged, children, disabled, single women, amongst vulnerable communities and marginalized groups, as they are especially at risk in these extra-ordinary times. We have also reached out to refugees, riot affected families and

nomadic communities as they are particularly disadvantaged in the present context. In all our efforts, we are taking utmost care to ensure protection for both our staff and volunteers and the communities we are working with.

As migrant workers returned to their villages, our grassroots-based allied organisations, working with local administration helped counsel the returning workers on the need to maintain quarantine, helped set up community-based quarantine facilities and ensured supply of cooked food as they maintained quarantine.

Working directly and with grassroots based civil society organisations, social movements and local administrations we have been able to create a network of more than 50 Relief-In-Transit Hubs on highways and roads across Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Punjab, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh. Through these hubs, teams are distributing cooked food packets, snacks, fruits, water, vitamins and supplements, soap, sanitizers and footwear to migrant workers on their way home.

All this was made possible by the generous solidarity support we received from many individual, institutional and corporate donors. We are grateful for their help and feel truly gratified in the confidence they have reposed in us. A lot has been done, but much more is needed to be done currently and in the months to come.

The Cyclone Amphan hit coastal regions of West Bengal and Odisha, serving populations there with a double whammy, the ongoing threat of COVID-19 infection and coping with the lockdown, coupled with the impact of the deadliest storm India has faced this century. We need to help them cope with the impact of the twin disasters.

Across the country individuals and families will continue to need food and cash support, as the lock down eases we need to build livelihood options so large sections of the population who are without income are able to rebuild their lives. To ensure that the most vulnerable people are safeguarded from the spread of infection we need to build community-based health resources.



We share what has been done across India in this public document as a means of ensuring transparency and accountability of the trust our supporters have placed on us.



Relief-In-Transit: Frontline volunteers providing relief to migrant workers on the move, NH-16, Odisha.



कृपया ठहरें  
खाना लीयें पानी पीयें

RELIEF-IN-TRANSIT

PLEASE WAIT

REST A LITTLE

EAT SOME FOOD

DRINK SOME WATER.





## All India efforts

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### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**23**  
STATES



**1**  
UNION TERRITORY



**229**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**1,78,104**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**1,28,595**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**6,29,225**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**34,12,721**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**21,22,401**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
DIRECT SUPPORT BY  
ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**24,29,981**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED  
THROUGH LOCAL  
ADMINISTRATION

As mentioned above as on the 16th June 2020 we have been able to reach 45,52,382 individuals in 229 districts across 23 states and one union territory. These include 21,22,401 individuals supported directly and 24,29,981 individuals supported through local administration. These figures have been compiled with the assumption that there are 5 members per family and discounting overlap.

In an initiative that has started more recently we have provided 9,809 individuals with psycho-social support and 3,200 individuals with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) distributed. In addition to the distribution of relief material and awareness generation, the teams at the state level have undertaken numerous initiatives based on the diversity of needs of the states in their collaborations with various stakeholders including local governments and partner organisations.



Relief distribution in Ambapal village, Kishorenagar block, Anugul district, Odisha. This was with the support of Zomato Feeding India.



## Andhra Pradesh

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**5**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**3,800**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**800**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**1,15,200**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**21,680**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)

We have been distributing pamphlets and posting awareness posters on the walls at prominent places. We are putting up the IEC materials like banners and posters in prominent locations of railway stations and open marketplaces. Another 3,000 pamphlets were printed and distributed in Visakhapatnam district. 1,500 pamphlets were arranged in Vizag for awareness building.



Ration Kits distribution in Andhra Pradesh with Give India and Helo support. Distributed 3600 kits.



Ration Kits distribution in Andhra Pradesh with Give India and Helo support. Distributed 3600 kits.



## Assam

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**5**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**4,874**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**3,577**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**36,000**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**36,353**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**2,000**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

In Kamrup, we have coordinated with the Labour Department on access to social security benefits by unorganized workers in Guwahati. In collective collaboration with Inter-Agency Group, Assam we are having regular coordination and discussion with the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) on sharing information and exchanging of collaboration support to the government executive decisions.



ActionAid in collaboration with allies have contacted stranded migrants from Jharkhand in eight districts of Assam. Some of them have been connected to the district administration, and others were provided food rations by ActionAid's partners.



Registration for ration kit in Assam. ActionAid provided ration kits with Helo support.



Ration kit distribution in Assam with Helo India support.



## Bihar

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**7**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**1,442**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**8,750**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**2,500**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**47,520**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**55,223**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**3,500**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Through engagements with the Worker Facilitation Centre, Gaya we have been supporting migrants returning to the state. The Centre is also running a Relief-In-Transit Hub in Gaya, serving migrant workers as they journey back home. We also supported the administration in operating the isolation centre where the migrant workers from other States are staying. Colleagues are also engaged in collecting the details of the migrants in coordination with the Labour Department. We have also been supporting district administration in Gaya and Patna and facilitating fair distribution of PDS for needy people with proper safety measures.



Distribution of dry ration kits to 30 families in Nalanda district, Bihar.



Distribution of dry ration kits to unorganised sector workers in Patna, Bihar.



## Chhattisgarh

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WE ARE RESPONDING IN



2

DISTRICTS

The volunteers of Sajhi Pahal, a network of activists and civil society organisations that ActionAid Association helped set up co-ordinated with Panchayati Raj Institution members to secure entitlements of families left out of social security net, but having the vulnerabilities sought to alleviate. Sajhi Pahal distributed relief materials to migrant workers in Raipur city, through solidarity support raised from local trusts.





**COMMUNITY BASED  
FRONTLINE VOLUNTEERS  
ARE THE BACKBONE OF  
OUR ONGOING RELIEF  
DISTRUBITION EFFORTS  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY.**





## Delhi

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**8**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**8,285**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**17,290**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**31,350**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**11,520**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**1,46,097**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**34,080**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

We are closely working with Delhi Minority Commission on relief distribution. A total of 146 informal workers have been supported with a direct cash transfer of ₹7000/- in their bank account. 350 migrant workers who belong to Bihar have been supported to apply for financial support from Bihar government under Direct Benefit Transfer system. We are running seven Relief-In-Transit Hubs in the Delhi NCR, to serve migrants who are returning home with cooked food.





Relief-In-Transit: Biscuits, snacks and fruits distributed in Delhi to migrant workers heading back home.



Distribution of dry rations and sanitation material to households in need in Delhi.



## Goa

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**2**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**3,254**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**1,44,000**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**16,270**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)

Working with grassroots based civil society organisations we facilitated the return of migrant workers and ensured payment of their pending wages.



Distribution of relief in Goa



Distribution of relief in Goa



## Gujarat

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**11**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**10,688**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**2,028**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**3,164**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**43,884**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**64,146**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**65,487**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

12,276 families were provided dry ration kits through the support of local administration. 3,023 people's access to pension and other social security schemes was facilitated.





Distribution of relief kits to single women and domestic workers in Gujarat.



Distribution of relief kits to the homeless in Gujarat.



Distribution of relief kits to daily wage labourers in Gujarat.



## Haryana

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### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**9**  
DISTRICTS



**2,370**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**3,700**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**5,300**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**36,000**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**34,830**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**83,950**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

3,500 families were provided with dry ration kits with the support of local administration, and 1,400 families facilitated to access employment under MGNREGA. We wrote to the Government of Haryana to increase the days of MGNREGA work and requesting the ensuring of timely payment. Due to our intense follow up and monitoring, MGNREGA has been started in 27 villages. The Haryana State Women Commission has written to the district administration in Nuh, Sonipat, Panipat, Kaithal, Fatehabad and Hisar requesting that they provide permission to ActionAid's team for relief



distribution. We are also part of the District Action team created by six district administrations. Working directly and with grassroots based civil society organisations we are running a network of 8 Relief-In-Transit Hubs to provide food and water to migrants on highways returning home.



Distribution of dry ration and sanitation materials to vulnerable households in Fatehpur village, Pundri block, Kaithal district, Haryana.



Distribution of dry ration and sanitation materials to vulnerable households in Haryana.



## Himachal Pradesh

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**4**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**2,800**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**4,500**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**5,760**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**29,075**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**18,725**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

2,000 families provided with dry ration kits with the support of local administration and access to work under MGNREGA for 875 families was facilitated across three districts. ActionAid Association is part of the main relief distribution team of the district administration and is also part of the District Action team created by District Magistrate. We have written to the Government of Himachal Pradesh asking for the increase in the number of available work days under MGNREGA and to ensure timely payment. Due to our intense follow up and monitoring, MGNREGA has been started in

12 villages. We have facilitated the running of a Relief-In-Transit Hub at Baddi, to provide food and water to migrants returning home.



Distribution of dry rations to migrants in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh.



Distribution of dry rations to migrants in Baddi, Himachal Pradesh.



## Jammu & Kashmir (Union Territory)

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**5**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**215**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**215**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**8,749**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**1,795**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**498**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

The Community School of Young Urban Women was able to make 3,000 masks. Rural Development Directorate then promised to help the group financially by setting the price of each mask at six rupees per piece thereby helping the group financially during the tough times. In Habbak Shanpora, there was a huge water crisis, and with the efforts of the community and colleagues of the ActionAid Association's Kashmir Field Office, the area was able to get a water tanker daily through Public Health Engineering Department, Kashmir.

625 women in urban areas were facilitated by the ActionAid team and volunteers to get benefits under Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyan Yojana. As per the scheme poor people would get ₹500 per month deposited in their accounts but majority of people were not aware of the fact.

We are engaging with private schools and teacher forums/ groups and individuals to make them aware and facilitation about the financial package announced by the Government due to closure of schools since August 2019 and non-payment of teachers' salary since then.

Supporting district administration in designing a training programme related to COVID-19 for different stakeholders, colleagues from ActionAid Association, Kashmir Field Office had a meeting with Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir along with other NGOs working on grounds and has started to design the training module for the training programmes.

We also followed up with the Labour Commissioner office for evacuation strategies for migrant labourers and Kashmiri labourers stranded in the region.



## Jharkhand

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**4**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**1,250**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**200**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**14,112**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**16,070**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)

ActionAid Association has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Jharkhand on the issue of migrants and we have an active collaboration with the district administration in the District Quarantine information management cell in Godda. Working with Samvad we are running a Relief-In-Transit Hub for migrant workers returning home at Madhupur in Deoghar district.





Distribution of ration materials to households in need in Jharkhand.



Distribution of ration materials to households in need in Jharkhand.



## Karnataka

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**10**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**12,608**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**6,286**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**1,28,282**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**11,714**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**2,12,380**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**43,646**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

In Karnataka we have been able to facilitate families to access MGNREGA work for 1,260 earlier cards and enabled 200 new cards to be made as COVID migration. 200 families with 3 working members in the family have completed 100 days of MGNREGS work and families with 2 earning members in families have completed nearly 90days of work. Families with only one worker have completed 40-45days of work. All workers have been compensated for their work.

A total of 21 auto drivers were assisted to claim government scheme relief Scheme of ₹5,000/- per person. We assisted auto drivers in filling up the online forms and application submission in Anjanappa Garden, Flower Garden, Bangi colony & Satellite bus stand.

We have assisted the food inspector by providing list of homeless communities with no ration card for ration support. 63 families were supported with PDS.

32 dry ration kits provided to migrant workers with the support of other organisations in our network and government and we coordinated distribution through support of network 'Sakhi'.

105 of families were supported with dry ration and sanitary kits as a member of task force committee, coordinated by Chintana Foundation team members, Chikkamagalur district.



Relief materials being distributed to families in need in Bullandur, South-East Bengaluru, Karnataka.



## Madhya Pradesh

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**31**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**27,524**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**17,124**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**2,72,900**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**2,36,160**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**5,44,385**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**21,559**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

A unique intervention in Madhya Pradesh is the COVID-19 helpline we have set up and used to proactively call quarantined people for psychosocial support, along with National Health Mission, Bhopal. We also created a network of 14 Relief-In-Transit Hubs in the state to facilitate incoming migrants by providing health check-ups, food and ensuring safe passage for onward journey to their respective towns and villages. Thousands of migrants have been screened every day and given food, shoes/slippers and medicine.

We have also sent our COVID-19 Response Recommendations to the offices of the Chief Minister and to 51 District Magistrates of Madhya Pradesh. Another set of recommendations on the issues faced by migrant workers and women workers during this crisis. We are also engaged with frontline government staff for distribution of dry food packets through Anganwadi and Mid-Day Meal schemes that reached 1,276 children in Satna, Panna and Rewa districts and facilitated the process to ensure pension to 1271 people. PDS was facilitated and ensured to 1,262 families in the same districts. Around 1271 families were benefitted by cash transfer scheme run by the state for migrant workers during COVID-19 lockdown. We have also started a survey in six districts of Madhya Pradesh to capture the status of children. This effort has been planned with our network partners including Save the Children and UNICEF.

ActionAid Association has a formal Memorandum of Understanding with the Police Department of Madhya Pradesh, for strengthening the systems and outreach activities in the locality of concerned Urgent Relief and Just Action (URJA) helpdesk set up in police stations to support women and girls against violence. In the 12 different districts where URJA Desk has been implemented we are in touch with 120 police stations through our network partners where our volunteers and staff of allies and partners distribute the cooked food packet arranged by the government in a collaborative manner. Gauravi has a 24x7 running helpline for supporting women affected by violence. The helpline also developed a module to initiate counselling for COVID-19 related queries. We have directly linked with National Health Mission to support their awareness programmes by linking Gauravi's 500 community volunteers towards awareness on the pandemic.

We are engaged in spreading awareness about MGNREGS and are helping people seek work in 60 villages in 6 districts mainly Raisen, Panna, Satna, Rewa, Betul and Mandla. We have also conducted skill and livelihood mapping exercise with migrant workers in 12 villages of Mandla district. And this converged with various departments including Animal Husbandry, Agriculture, Horticulture department to help restore the livelihood of these workers. We have also been providing information to communities on various schemes launched by the state government such as Rozgar Setu,



Street Vendor Scheme, and domestic worker registration. Meetings have been conducted with Madhya Pradesh domestic worker collective on the issue of wages, access to social security and food security scheme.

Thermal sensors were provided to 35 volunteers to monitor the temperature of vulnerable people as and when they went to distribute food kits or cooked food. Around 200 Personal Protective Equipment kits were distributed. ActionAid also has collaboration with the Department of Health in providing support to monitor cases. We have received support from Central Industrial Security Force for food and Central Reserve Police Force for tents. We have been able to ensure food to vulnerable families in Bhopal as cooked meals are being provided through 12 community kitchens, daily, for past one and a half month. Over and above this, 2,500 people have been provided cooked meals with funds raised by ActionAid partners themselves and continued to provide cooked meals to vulnerable workers. We are also running 13 relief in transit desks to help migrant workers in distress.



Distribution of dry ration in Madhya Pradesh with support from Zomato Feeding India.



Relief-In-Transit: Relief being distributed among migrants on the move in Madhya Pradesh.



Relief-In-Transit: An ActionAider helping a father sanitise the hands of his little one in a railway station in Madhya Pradesh.



# Maharashtra

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

## WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**13**  
DISTRICTS

## OUR IMPACT



**20,838**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**16,386**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**2,200**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**4,32,000**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**1,64,133**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**15,000**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

With the support of district administrations we have been able to reach to more than 14,190 individuals through engaging with the Government of Maharashtra regarding direct cash transfer into accounts of the workers. We have supported migrant workers from West Bengal and Jharkhand stuck in Mumbai on the request of West Bengal government. We have also provided Personal Protective Equipment, provided through Cipla Foundation, to 2,500 doctors in government hospitals.





Reaching out with ration support to sugarcane migrant workers in Beed district, Maharashtra.



Dry ration and sanitation kits being distributed among the daily wagers and migrant workers in Matunga labour Camp, Dharavi, Mumbai



# Manipur

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

## WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**3**  
DISTRICT

## OUR IMPACT



**1,217**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**14,400**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**6,235**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**5,508**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

We are closely working with the Deputy Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer and are involved in Distribution of Information, Education, Communication materials in six villages with the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme. We are also conducting awareness campaigns in 12 villages in Bishnupur district and disinfection in 5 villages. People's Resource Development Association (PRDA), the grassroots based civil society organisation we work with in the region, is a member of The District Surveillance Unit for COVID- 19.





Dry ration for distribution in Tamenglong and Noney districts in Manipur.



Relief being distributed in Thingou village, Nungba block, Tamenglong district, Manipur.



## Nagaland

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**2**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**215**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**450**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**8,640**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**2,583**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**14,225**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

1,970 people were provided ration kits with the support of local administration. Sisterhood Network, the grassroots based civil society organisation we work with in the region is involved in assessment meetings with the district administration in the process of reaching out to people in need.



Relief distribution in Jalukiram village, Pereb district, Nagaland.



Relief distribution in Jalukiram village, Pereb district, Nagaland.



# Odisha

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

## WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**22**  
DISTRICTS

## OUR IMPACT



**5,517**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**11,924**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**1,200**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**13,46,232**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**79,009**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**13,92,376**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Cyclone Amphan has affected Kendrapara, Jagatsinghpur, Balasore, Bhadrak, Mayurbhanj and Puri districts. Tidal wave broke embankments and saline water has entered farms and many thousands of hectares of crops and farm land have been damaged. The grassroots based organisations working in these areas have helped the state government in the evacuation process, and are working with our colleagues in Odisha to assess the damaging and identify families in needs amongst the vulnerable communities.

With regards the COVID-19 response we have been able to ensure dry ration kit to 2,12,833 vulnerable families and cooked food to 2,90,618 individuals in collaboration with district administration facilitating the process by identifying and distributing to the most vulnerable families and individuals across various states. Working with grassroots based civil society organisations we have created a network of five Relief-In-Transit Hubs across the state, serving migrants on the road back home with cooked food, snacks and water. ActionAid Association's District Coordinator of Subarnapur has been assigned as Nodal Person on behalf of the administration to facilitate smooth transportation of the migrants. 450 migrants from Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh have safely returned to the district in this process.

Different types of work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) has begun across the state while following norms of social distancing and ActionAid has been facilitating applications for demands of work. As a result of this, different types of work under MGNREGA has begun in 47 gram panchayats in Daringibadi, Phiringia, Raikia, and Naugaon block by maintaining social distancing. As an outcome of working for 3 weeks, 55418 person days of employment have been generated and people have received ₹1,19,66,000 /- in 25 GPs in Daringibadi block of Kandhamal district in Odisha. The amount has been transferred to individual worker's bank accounts. In 6 villages are being started under MGNREGA in Nuapada district of Odisha. 550 people are working under MGNREGA at Meghapal and Chhamunda panchayats. So far one new pond and 6 existing ponds have been revived, 60 compost pits and 18 Individual Forest Rights land development work has been done.

Our District Coordinators have been provided with an orientation and would be selected as trainer, to providing psychosocial support to children during COVID-19. Our teams have also provided awareness on COVID-19, Integrated Child Development Services to over 180612 adolescents, youth and children and 3536 children in 101 Child Care Institutions were facilitated with psychosocial counselling, information on COVID-19, creative engagement and physical exercise. As a result of our engagement with Orissa State Commission on Protection of Child Rights, the body issued letter to the Special Relief Commissioner for creating child friendly spaces



and shared a guide on engagement with children developed by Patang LRP in Sambalpur district and ActionAid. The body has also taken measure to put up posters and made an appeal to report any cases of violence, abuse and issues related to child protection during the stay in Temporary Migration Centres. The poster includes the three toll-free numbers, Child Line, OSCPCR and Police.

With a decision to activate district task force to end child marriage in a state level meeting with the Department of Women and Child Development, Odisha, our work during the pandemic has also helped prevent 118 child marriages in Odisha.



Relief distribution in Ambapal village, Kishorenagar block, Anugul district, Odisha. This was with the support of Zomato Feeding India.



Distribution of ration in Dalit Basti and PHD Basti in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.



# Punjab

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

## WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**6**  
DISTRICTS

## OUR IMPACT



**2,300**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**350**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**6,480**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**15,555**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**31,890**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

438 families provided were with dry ration kits with the support of the government and 700 cooked meals were distributed. Access to employment under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act was facilitated to 2,100 families in six districts. Due to our intense follow up and monitoring, MGNREGA has been started in 55 villages. And 5,000 families were facilitated access to the Public Distribution System. We are also running 3 relief in transit centres to assist migrant workers in this period.



Relief-In-Transit: Food, biscuits and tea being distributed on GT Road in Jalandhar district, Punjab, to migrant workers heading home.



## Rajasthan

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**14**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**14,305**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**7,392**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**8,850**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**1,99,116**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**1,06,694**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)

In the month of March we proposed recommendations to the Government of Rajasthan in a meeting organized by the Chief Minister. Working directly and with volunteers of associated networks we have created three Relief-In-Transit hubs to deliver cooked food, water, nutritional supplements and medical help to migrants returning home.





Relief materials being distributed among unorganised sector workers with support from LIC Housing Finance Ltd in Bharatpur district, Rajasthan.



Relief Materials acquired with support from Zomato Feeding India being prepared for distribution in Rajasthan.



## Tamil Nadu

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**15**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**10,722**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**2,939**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**4,050**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**34,561**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**68,181**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**7,463**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

We have been working with district administrations, helping them in identifying the most vulnerable families and individuals. With support from the administration we have also been able to provide cooked meals to 312 individuals and distribute relief materials to 150 persons with disabilities through parent support groups.



Dry ration kits were distributed in Semmencherry, Chennai, Tamil Nadu with support from LIC Housing Finance Ltd.



Relief materials were distributed in Tuticorin district, Tamil Nadu with support from Zomato Feeding India.



# Telangana

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

## WE ARE RESPONDING IN



9

DISTRICTS

## OUR IMPACT



6,988

FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



5,650

FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



53,128

INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



2,47,680

INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



1,08,396

INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)

5000 pamphlets spreading awareness on COVID-19 have been printed and distributed to around 35 partners in Telangana and other NGOs for dissemination. ActionAid has collaborated with District Medical and Health Department in Hyderabad to spread awareness on COVID-19 in low income neighbourhoods. In Nalgonda district a mobile van with vegetables and other provisions were started. This is an initiative by Yadigiri Farmers Producer Company, set up with ActionAid Association support . They are going from village to village to sell the vegetables.



We collaborated with Association of Health Psychologists, UNICEF, Dr. Reddy Foundation-School Education Programme, Rythu Swarjya Vedika, APTS Social Service Forum set-up a 24X7 helpline “Support for Emotional Rehabilitation of Corona Virus Victims” in which around 50 qualified and experienced psychologists and another 100 volunteers joined together to provide tele-counselling for the victims of corona virus.



Dry rations distributed to families in need in Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, Telangana.





## Uttar Pradesh

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**25**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**20,185**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH DRY RATION



**11,666**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**1,13,910**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**3,16,800**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**2,78,086**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**6,74,404**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

An app has been developed to gather information of all migrant workers who are returning to Uttar Pradesh. A detailed data base is being prepared of migrant workers. Based on their skills and need employment opportunity will be generated at the village, block and district level. Working directly and with grassroots based civil society organisations we have created a network of 8 Relief-In-Transit hubs, five of which are around Lucknow. These are proving migrants returning home with cooked food.

We are regularly engaging with the district and state administration to provide recommendations and insight on policy agendas and gaps in the implementation in the government schemes on packages to be given to daily wage labourers and for the free food grains and cash assistance for migrant workers. We have also successfully advocated for the universalization of PDS in Uttar Pradesh. Those without Ration Cards, Aadhar cards and migrant labourers will also be getting food grains from Public Distribution System in Uttar Pradesh.

Regular coordination with the Additional Chief Secretary Revenue and Disaster Relief Management and State Relief Commissioner and submitted the specific recommendations for the most marginalized communities, Musahars, Saharias, Vantangias, De-Notified Tribes and Ghumantu communities for their short, medium and long term needs.



Relief-In-Transit: Snacks, fruits and water distributed on the Faizabad highway in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, to migrant workers on their way home.



# Uttarakhand

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

## WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**3**  
DISTRICTS

## OUR IMPACT



**1,239**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**1,250**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**600**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**6,912**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**10,983**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**8,470**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

1397 families were supported in accessing the food grains from PDS and other government schemes announced by the Government of Uttarakhand.



Dry rations were provided to families in need in Dharchula, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand.



## West Bengal

AS ON MAY 31, 2020

### WE ARE RESPONDING IN



**14**  
DISTRICTS

### OUR IMPACT



**17,768**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED  
WITH DRY RATION



**4,168**  
FAMILIES PROVIDED WITH  
SANITATION AND DIGNITY KITS



**1,441**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
WITH COOKED MEALS



**89,280**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED  
AWARENESS ON COVID-19



**1,04,244**  
INDIVIDUALS PROVIDED DIRECT SUPPORT  
BY ACTIONAID ASSOCIATION  
(Assuming 5 members per family  
and discounting overlap)



**7,200**  
INDIVIDUALS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
LOCAL ADMINISTRATION

Cyclone Amphan has affected East Medinipur, South 24 Parganas, North 24 Parganas and Kolkata districts in West Bengal. Reports say that 72 people have died, houses have been destroyed and crops and farmland have been damaged due to ingress of sea water and flooding. Fisherfolk communities have suffered great loss – their nets, boats and homes have been damaged. The civil society organisations we work with and our colleagues are tirelessly working to identify families in need amongst vulnerable communities in both rural and urban areas.



With regards the COVID-19 response we have been able to ensure food to vulnerable families in collaboration with district administration by helping 700 individuals access PDS for dry ration.

We have also been working closely with the Chief Secretary to inform the administration of the condition of the migrant workers from other states staying in West Bengal shared with the Chief Secretary and the district magistrate, a comprehensive list of stranded workers. We have also interacted with the State Committee on Protection of Child Rights and shared our recommendations on collaborative actions to ensure protection of children during this critical period.



Dry ration distributed to families in need in West Bengal with support from Lenovo and Motorola.

# Solidarity for the most affected by COVID-19

The ongoing relief being provided by ActionAid Association has been made possible by the solidarity support provided by many individual donors, corporate bodies and institutions.

We gratefully acknowledge the help provided by all. As the need will continue and expand into new dimensions, including setting up community-based health infrastructure and building livelihood opportunities, we look forward to your continued support.





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