

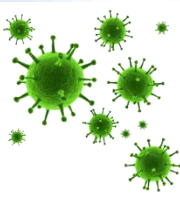


Empowering People

COVID-19

There is a state of emergency across the country/globe because of COVID-19 and its growing spread from human to human body. We are experiencing one of the worst health and humanitarian crisis and largest pandemic, which has affected the whole globe. Its impact will be devastating on economically backward regions like Jharkhand. Govt of India is taking every measure to coordinate with state and CSOs along with other stakeholders to smoothed response mechanism as per contextual need.

In this situation of emergency, LEADS with its limited resources has initiated response to Covid 19 since 24th March 2020 in different districts of Jharkhand namely Khunti, West Singhbhum, Latehar, Lohardaga, Simdega, Saraikela and Further extended its work to East Singhbhum, Gumla and Hazaribag.



NEWSLETTER



LEADS INTERVENTION ON COVID-19 IN JHARKHAND

Covid-19 and Context of Jharkhand



Jharkhand is comprised of 24 districts and 260 Blocks and state is culturally and naturally very rich. **Population of Jharkhand is 32.9 million out of which, STs is 26.42% and SCs is 11.63%.** Jharkhand has abundance of mineral resources and covered with forest (with verities of flora and Fauna) but majority of rural population falls under below poverty line and migrate as cheap labour to other parts of the country. Covid -19 has affected rural population very badly as they are dependent on **agricultural and labour-intensive works** and also migrate to other states in search of employment. More than 1.2 million labourers are stuck outside because of lock down and in the rural Jharkhand, labour intensive work has been affected and hence unable to earn their livelihood.

In the given context, some of the emerging issues are as follows:-

1. Most of the villagers are daily wages labourers and they are struggling for two square meals because of lock down.
2. Lock down has badly affected the small and marginal farmers, vendors, rural shopkeepers, vegetable growers, dibyangjan, single and old aged women as they belong to daily wage earners and most marginalized/vulnerable groups in the society.
3. Poor awareness level in the tribal dominated areas about Covid-19 and its preventive and curative measures as it's totally new to all.
4. Agricultural activities have been badly affected as this was the time of harvesting and cultivating new crops mostly vegetables and summer crops.
5. Labourers who are coming from outside are not disclosing their identity and not proposing for quarantine / isolation. It may be dangerous, if they are corona infected.

LEADS is Reaching to Unreached

Individual/Families having no ration card, single women, old aged persons (male and female), small and marginal farmers, dibyangjan, migrant labourer (male and female), most vulnerable individuals, elderly orphans, orphans, widows etc. where state support hardly reaches in spite of all efforts. LEADS is reaching to more than 80% SCs and STs population through it's support, besides other economically weaker sections .



LEADS Human Resources Deployed to Respond COVID-19



More than 200 staffs/ volunteers of LEADS are deployed across 13 Blocks of 9 districts to RESPOND COVID 19.



LEADS Strategic Intervention

1. Awareness Building and Relief to Affected People

LEADS is identifying the block level most marginalized group/individuals and supporting them with non-cooked food kit who have no support from anywhere and they are in critical condition. Mask, soap and sanitisers etc. to vulnerable families are also given as relief and personal safety materials.



2. Support to Block/District Administration

LEADS volunteers are working independently and also in coordination with state, district and block administration to substantially address the emerging issues at community level. Counseling and linking migrant labourers for quarantine purpose, linking community members to community kitchen, listing migrant labourers, proper ration distribution to needy persons are some of the areas, where we are participating with block and district administration.



3. Strengthening Local Institutions on Covid 19

Local institutions like PRIs, School Management Committee (SMC), Gram Sabhas, SHGs, Youth Groups, Farmers Clubs, Kishori Groups, Village Health, Nutrition and Sanitation Committee (VHNSC) etc are equipped with preventive and curative measures of Covid 19 because we may have to work for longer period.

4. Convergence for Sustained Livelihood

LEADS team is also identifying more sensitive/vulnerable families who are prone to migration to ensure their sustained livelihood by enhancing their agri productivity, linkage building with state support system like major three programmes, recently launched by state i.e. **1. Birsha Munda Harit Yojna, 2) Bir Sahid Poto Ho Khel Yojna and 3) Nilamber Pitamber Jal Samridhi Yojna** for employment generation for all migrant and existing labourers. Besides we are also mobilising other line department for intervention and building skills of local youths who are prone to migration. We are also supporting **MGNREGA** and its implementation which is major source of employment in coordination with blocks.



LEADS ACTIVITIES ON COVID-19

1. Dry Ration Distribution: LEADS has been distributing four categories of food kits



Category 1: 30 Kg Rice, 1 Kg oil, 3 kg dal, 2 kg soya badi, 100 gm Turmeric, 100 Chilli powder + Mask

Category 2: 10 kg rice, 5 kg wheat flour, 1 kg Dal, Oil 1/5 litre, Chura 1 kg, Jaggery 1/5 kg, Turmeric 50 gms, Spices 50 gms Salt 1 kg, 2 kg potato, 1 kg onion and 2 soaps + Mask

Category 3: Food grain bank in each village where people take interest to sustain the source of food security in the village itself.

Category 4: Customised food kit as per local needs.

Food Categories Wise Distribution Details

80% Distributed and rest distribution is in progress

Blocks	No of Families Supported Category wise				LEADS/ Partners
	Cat. 1	Cat. 2	Cat. 3	Cat.4	
1. District : Khunti					
i. Murhu	350	70	3 Vill.	12	LEADS
ii. Torpa	350	70	3 Vill.	6	LEADS
2. District : Latehar					
iii. Chandwa	0	124	0	0	LEADS
iv. Mahuadanr	0	70	0	0	LEADS
3. District : West Singhbhum					
v. Bandgaon	350	70	0	0	LEADS
vi. Chakradharpur	0	124	0	0	LEADS + SMVM
4. District : Simdega					
vii. Kolebira	125	70	1 Vill.	0	LEADS
viii. Jaldega	0	124	2 Vill.	0	LEADS+ Sahbhagi Vikas
5. District : Lohardaga					
ix. Kudu	0	124	2 Vill.	0	LEADS + MMKK
6. District : Saraikela Kharsawan					
x. Nimdih	0	124	2 Vill.	0	LEADS + TRCSC
Total	1175 Completed	970 In progress	12 Vill In progress	18 In progress	

2. Mask Distribution



LEADS has distributed more than 1000 masks and planned to distribute at least 10000-15000 masks which is being produced by LEADS. The production centre is being run by local tribal girls in LEADS Khunti Resource Centre. We are mobilising resources for this to meet the target. We will distribute amongst most marginalised community and needy persons across our intervention areas.



3. Awareness Building on

i. Social/physical Distance Marking



We have made more than 60000 people aware about Social/ Physical distancing and its importance across the intervention Blocks mentioned above. We are also marking and making white circle at public places in the rural locations to ensure social distancing during different occasions like ration distribution, market place visit etc. **More than 16000 such circles have been made.**



ii. IEC Materials and IEC Van



LEADS has prepared two IEC Van with banner and public announcement system to make people aware. This van will move across the intervention Blocks and Villages till 30th June and distribute postures and handbills to make people aware on preventive and curative measures of Covid-19. **More than 30000 posters, flex and 20000 handbills** have been printed and distribution is in progress directly and through partners.



iii. Counseling Migrant Labourers



Migrant labourers have started coming to Jharkhand and in few cases, they may not report to authority. So, LEADS staffs / Volunteers have been trained to counsel them and report to block administration for screening, check up quarantine purpose. **47 such migrant labourers** have been counseled and linked to block administration.



iv. Awareness on Immunity Promotion



LEADS has also printed postures on the guideline of **Ayush Mantralaya** to educate people on increasing immunity as one of the response to Covid-19 by using locally available resources/materials

4. WASH in Schools and Anganwadi



LEADS has started educating children, SMC, Teachers etc on **COVID-19** and relevant WASH component of more than 2700 schools and 700 Anganwadi of seven districts namely *Simdega, East Singhbhum, Khunti, Saraikela, Latehar, Gumla and Hazaribag* with the support of **UNICEF**

5. Facilitating Panchayats:

We are engaging Panchayati Raj Institution members in all our interventions to support the community in sustained manner.



6. Supporting State Prog of Community Kitchen and Ration

LEADS is partner of JSLPS and facilitating community kitchen so that its food properly reaches to community in Murhu, Bandgaon and Mahuadanr Blocks.



8. Promotion of Food Grain Banks in Villages

LEADS has also initiated Food Grain Bank as pilot to 10-15 villages across its intervention Blocks/Districts. In the process of promoting **Food Grain Bank**, LEADS will donate 50 Kg of rice and facilitate other better off villagers to donate food grains as per their capacity and share this as per need to poorer families of the same village at the time of crisis.

7. Linking our All Projects with Covid -19 Related Issues and Concerns

LEADS is also trying to link its all project and activities at grassroots level to **Covid 19** related issues as the affects of **Covid 19** may go beyond our perception in Jharkhand.



LEADS has been responding to COVID-19 as per its capacity and invite others to join hands to reach to unreached.

Backdrop of LEADS

LEADS is a Professionally Managed Trust working for Empowerment/development in Jharkhand since 2005. LEADS is directly working in Slums of Ranchi, Murhu and Torpa Block of Khunti, Bandgaon Block of West Singhbhum, Mahuadanr and Chandwa Block of Latehar and Kolebira Block of Simdega, Gumla, Hazaribag and East Singhbhum.

LEADS also works with NGOs partners namely TRCSC which is working in Nimdih Block of Saraikela, MMKK is working in Kudu Block of Lohardaga, Sahbhagi Vikas is working in Jaldega Block of Simdega, SMVM is working in Chakradharpur Block of West Singhbhum and Vikas Bharati is working in Bishunpur Block of Gumla and World Vision is working in Namkom Block of Ranchi.



Our Partners in Mission to COVID-19



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