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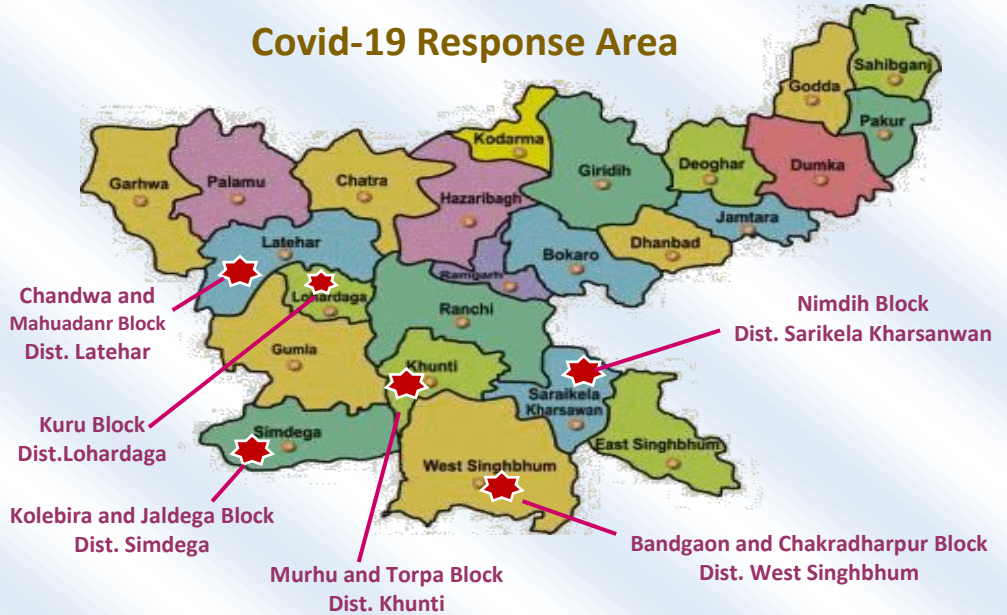
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There is a state of emergency across the country/globe because of COVID-19 and its growing spread from human to human body. We are experiencing one of the worst health and humanitarian crisis and largest pandemic, which has affected the whole globe. 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 smoothen 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.

LEADS RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN JHARKHAND

Covid-19 Response Area



LEADS at Service till 15th June 2020: A Glimpse

SI	Item of Support	District Block	District and Block wise service details									Total No of People Served	
			Khunti		Simdega		West Singhbhum		Saraikela	Lohardaga	Latehar		
			Murhu	Torpa	Kolebira	Jaldega	Bandgaon	Chakradharpur	Nimdih	Kudu	Chandwa		Mahuadar
1	Dry Ration Support		388	427	169	124	415	124	124	124	128	90	2113
2	Mask Production & Distribution		1858	750	1200	825	750	200	425	400	250	250	6908
3	Feeding through Mukhiya Kitchen and Didi Kitchen (Only facilitation)		24629	4692	3250	8725	1560	7552	8775	6556	2890	15467	84096
4	Awareness Building through IEC Van, Posters, Pamphlets, Meetings etc		18760	22320	21240	19785	19567	18770	19545	18885	18622	16780	194274
5	Counseling of Migrant Labourers and Linking them with Quarantine Centres		218	212	217	228	175	122	275	350	240	455	2492
6	Soap and Hand Sanitisers distribution to the neediest persons/families		623	530	360	125	250	350	280	325	252	560	3655
7	Convergence with State Relief Work		2126	2144	2128	2182	2115	2125	2265	2428	2365	2235	22113
8	Support to Household Survey to find COVID 19 Affected Individuals/Families		750	850	650	760	565	765	580	458	445	124	5947
9	Support to Quarantine Centres		2 Quarantine Centres i.e. Karra and Rania of Khunti Dist										
10	Awareness Building on COVID-19 and Marking for Maintaining Physical Distance in Public Places		4780	8757	8694	4530	5482	4680	5340	3542	3658	3640	53103
11	Convergence of Migrant Labourers with Govt. Schemes		135	125	115	132	124	105	72	85	75	112	1080
12	Linkage to Food Support with Govt. Agencies		8657	8590	4327	3475	4750	1342	3563	4533	2122	5769	47128
13	PM UJJWALA Gas Yojna (Refill)		178	160	66	48	16	82	68	65	86	46	815
14	Capacity Building of Team Members on Covid-19		35	16	10	8	24	18	16	14	15	22	178
15	Promotion of Local Food and Nutrition		380	220	288	122	240	120	108	122	112	312	2024
16	Promotion of Food Grain Bank		3	3	2	1	2	3	1	1	0	2	18

SERVICES PROVIDED TO

Daily
Wages
692

Divyang
185

Orphan
207

Old
Age
469

Women
Headed
552

Migrant
Labourers
2500

Landless
Families
475

STRATEGIC INTERVENTION



1. Migrant Labourers

LEADS has facilitated *more than 5000 migrant labourers*. They have been counselled, made aware at quarantine centres, provided with ration, fed through community kitchen, linked them with MGNREGA activities like Birsa Harit Gram Yojna, Nilamber Pitamber Jal Samridhi Yojna and Veer Shaheed Poto Ho Khel Viaks Yojna along with various other regular works.



2. Kitchen Garden

We are promoting *more than 1000 Kitchen Gardens* across the intervention areas to ensure instant food and nutritional support to the needy families. We provide traditional high yielding seeds for tomato, brinjal, cucumber, bottle gourd, bitter gourd, beans, sponge gourd, yellow pumpkin, cabbage, cauliflower, ridge gourd, long beans, lady finger, leafy vegetables etc.

3. Lease Farming

More than 60 families/migrant labourers who are landless or have non-cultivable land have been facilitated for lease farming. Farmers take a lease of land from others for 2-3 years for agriculture purposes only.



4. Food Grain Bank (FGB)

18 FGB have been established. We promote FGB at village level to ensure access and instant availability of food grains at community level. We provide *100 kg rice and 25 kg masoor dal* as *seed contribution* and motivate capable villagers to donate food grains as per their capacities to run the FGB.



5. Mask Production Centre

LEADS has established a *Mask Production Centre run on Solar Power* with the support of UNDP in which *more than 20 rural girls* are stitching face masks and earning ₹250-300 per day. *More than 12000 masks* have been produced and distributed amongst District Administration, Block administration, PRIs, Police Stations, Quarantine Centres, ANMs, Anganwadi Workers and communities as a whole.

Suggestions and Recommendations



Preventive Measures



Linkages and Support



Convergence



1. Awareness building in community, schools, anganwadi centres and facilitating use of hand sanitizer, soaps and face mask compulsorily.
2. Awareness building at quarantine centres.
3. Linking migrant labourers to quarantine centres and facilitating them during home-quarantine as per state protocol.



Linking families to Public Distribution System, Mukhyamantri Didi Kitchen/Community Kitchen, local support groups, organisations, clubs etc.

1. Strict and time-bound implementation of Birsa Harit Gram Yojna, Nilamber Pitamber Jal Samridhi Yojna and Veer Shaheed Poto Ho Khel Vikas Yojna.
2. Implementation of all MGNREGA activities and timely payment.
3. Convergence with Soil Conservation, Fishery Department, KVK, ATMA, Forest Department, JSLPS, Johar Pariyojna etc for better and dignified life of villagers.
4. Non Timber Forest Produce (NTFP) related activities



Assisting a Septuagenarian and Helpless 7 year old during Corona Pandemic

Amit Hembrem; Age: 7 years; Father: Late Rajesh Hembrem. Aadhar No: 819842754746
Location: Village: Itor; Panchayat: Itor; Block Chakradharpur; District: w. Singhbhum.

Amit Hembrem is a resident of Itor, whose parents passed away 2 years back. He stays with his grandmother now who is 76 years old. She does daily labour work outside her village to earn livelihood and care for Amit. Their house is a little outside the village. Being out of village for daily labour she was not aware of the government schemes like Ration Card or Old Age Pension.

Sudden lockdown amid Corona pandemic left her without work. In absence of benefits from government schemes during lockdown and any other assistance, both the family members were without food for days.

Srijan Mahila Vikas Manch, a partner NGO of LEADS which has been doing social work in the area while identifying the neediest during the lockdown got to know about the family. Amit Hembrem was immediately enlisted under the needy list. He was provided with the Dry Ration Kit, prepared with the help of LEADS which ensured that they don't starve amid lockdown.

Simultaneously, Padma Mahto, who is working under REER project for the NGO, ensured that their application for Ration Card is applied. They have been enlisted by the ration dealer and the Mukhiya and have been ensured that the ration would be made available from next month. The Dry Ration Kit provided would last for at least 20 days.

Thus, the intervention made by Srijan Mahila vikas Manch helped the family of a septuagenarian and helpless 7 years old during the distressful pandemic.

Helpless Old Couple relieved from Food Scarcity

Jeera Gansin, Husband: Lagu Nayak,

Vill: Kharwagada, Pan: Patiamba, Block: Jaldega, Dist: Simdega.

Jeera and Lagu are septuagenarians and have no one to take care of them in the family. They are separated from son and daughter-in-law. They had a tough time during 2nd phase of lockdown. LEADS with grass root level CSO Sahbhagi Vikas identified them in Gram Sabha and helped them with one-month Dry Ration Kit. They were then linked to the PDS service. Members of Pragya Kendra contacted them and linked them with Old Age Pension service.



Livelihood Secured for Daily Wages Labourers

Sugwati Devi, age: 72,

Vill: Bokba, Pan: Raisiya, Block: Kolebira, Dist: Simdega

She lives with two of her grandsons Shivam Baraik and Satyam Baraik and granddaughter in law in a small house. Granddaughter in law was working outside, both Shivam and Satyam work as daily wages labour at Kolebira town. Ever since lockdown started all three of them had no work and it created shortage of food. Sugwati Devi started sitting besides the road hoping someone would help them. LEADS team came across her and helped her family with dry ration kit which is sufficient for a month along with mask. LEADS assisted Shivam, his wife and Satyam to get Job card and they are now working in MGNREGA Plantation schemes.



Saghni Survives Lockdown

Saghni Devi, age: 75,

Vill: Gansa, Panchayat: Champa, Block: Mahuadanr, District: Latehar

She has been paralysed for long time. She has a son and a daughter-in-law but they don't care for her. They put her inside a small room. Saghni was finding it difficult to have 2 square meals. They had left her alone in the room with no food and water. She used to get old age pension but that too had stopped. LEADS came to know about her and provided her with 45 days Dry Ration Kit where her son and linked her with government support which will be provided her during lockdown.



Majiya builds hay-house, Saves Timda

Majiya Hembrom

Village: Timda, Panchayat & Block: Bandgaon, District: W. Singhbhum,

There are altogether six members in the family. Majiya had gone to Madhupur in Giridih district for work. After lockdown he returned home. LEADS team helped him to go through Corona-Check-up in Bandgaon block and was suggested for home quarantine. But villagers did not allow him to stay in his house. They told him to stay outside the village in a make shift hay-house.

LEADS supported him with one month Dry Ration Kit and mask. He has been linked to government support and would be getting the required supports during his quarantine.



Radharani Saved from Begging

Radharani Devi, husband: Faguwa Tanti,
Village: Dorma, Panchayat: Dorma, Block: Torpa, District: Khunti

Radhamani Devi has 2 children. A four member family was finding it difficult to survive during lockdown. Her husband used to go for peddling rickshaw and she used to go for daily wages. But due to lockdown they were finding difficult to have 2 times meal for the family. She had started begging door to door for food for her children.

LEADS after knowing her condition, provided them with Dry Ration Kit for 30 days. LEADS has linked them to government support system. Children are now getting meals from schools. Radharani is also getting support from district administration.



Dukhni Saved from Starvation

Dukhni Mardi, Husband: Bharat Mardi, Age: 85,
Village: Bagri, Panchayat: Lakri, Block: Nimdih, District: Saraikella Kharsawan,

She is a widow belonging to Adivasi family. She doesn't have a Ration card. Therefore, she does not receive ration from the PDS. She doesn't receive old age pension either. Her sons are the least concerned about her. TRCSC has come forward to help her with the support provided by LEADS organisation. She was provided with Dry Ration Kit for a month. Another food kit support was provided from mukhiya. She also received ration coupon from Block for ration support. Now, she receives ration from PDS shop. She is happy with the guidance and support. She thanked LEADS and TRCSC from the bottom of her heart.



Community Supported Covid-19 Quarantine Centre

Bandhgaon, West Singhbhum.

LEADS has been spreading COVID-19 related awareness and sensitisation among the community and the PRI members to enable the nation to fight Corona pandemic effectively.

Knowing the plight of the migrant labourers, their movement to their native was facilitated by the governments. But these labourers had to undergo Corona test and then quarantine for a period of 14-days.

12 migrant labours had all travelled from Bangalore, Karnataka. They were tested for Corona at Chaibasa, which came out to be -ve. Hence they were home quarantined.

But the villagers have been apprehensive of the people coming from outside. Hence, they were not allowed to enter the village. They were moved into Tirla government school which has been converted into a community managed Quarantine Centre, which is supported by RDT and LEADS.

They were quarantined for a period of 14 days during which no symptoms of Corona arose. Hence, after finished the mandated period they all returned to their respective homes in good health.



Vulnerable Fuddu Devi finds Relief

Fudu Devi: Age: 68,
Vill: Dorma Manjihitoli, Panchayat: Dorma,
Block: Torpa, District: Khunti

Fudu Devi is a widow living in Manjhi Toli village of Dorma panchayat. She has 3 sons, all of whom are married and live separately from their mother. Fudu devi lives alone with no support from her children. She worked in a hotel and did cleaning work there to earn her living. She receives 5 kg of ration on her ration card and does not get widow pension.

Since the lockdown, all the economic activities have come to a halt. The hotel in which Fudu Devi was working is also closed.

she does not have any source of income and whatever meagre amount she had saved was spent arranging for her meals. She is now dependent on the grace and favour of her neighbours for two square meals. Every day she was worried how she would sustain the day, if she couldn't arrangement food. The support from RDT came as a boon for her. Her worries have ended and she believes she can now sustain this lockdown with the ration provided with the support of RDT. She said that as she was alone and the ration was sufficient for her to sustain during lockdown, she would repay/return the rice which she borrowed from neighbours. She hoped for everything becoming normal soon and markets to open. The support provided by the organisation is well taken and appreciated by the community members. Some community members are coming forward to help others.

Her voice: "Jo madad pariwar walon ko karna chahiye tha wo madad aaplogo ne ki hai. Bhagwan aaplogon ko khush rakhe."





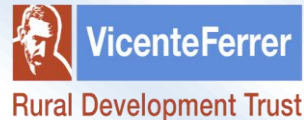


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