






TEMPERATURE CHECK

Loss of livelihoods has been one of the major fallouts of COVID 19 outbreak. Crores of poor people, working in the formal and informal sectors of the economy, have lost their jobs because of closure of establishments, restrictions on transport, restricted mobility of people and goods and stopping of construction activities. Reduced economic activity has affected the poor the most, forcing them to face the dual hardship of fending off the disease and finding the means to sustain themselves. They are also at a risk of losing their meagre savings, for want of a regular source of income, and face an uncertain future as a deteriorating job market offers little hope of providing opportunities for gainful employment, and may also push them and their families into extreme poverty. Loss of income would have negative implications on their ability to access necessities like food, shelter and healthcare and erode their ability to recover from the crisis. Recognizing the need to help poor families and reduce the stress generated by loss of livelihood, regional and local governments are exploring skill development programs, based on local needs, which would help with finding employment or setting up of small businesses.

The impact of the lockdown, which has been in force since the end of March, was visible on the lives of the poor in many parts of the country, including Kerala. The daily wage workers in the state have been the worst affected because of loss of jobs. Majority of the workforce in Kerala is in the unorganized sector and the lockdown has brought their jobs to a halt. Projects under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act were stopped after announcement of the lockdown, affecting the household income of many families. A vast number of women work in textile industry, MSMEs and MGNREGA projects, and belong to poor families, which depend on their earnings. Stopping of work has deprived these women of income and has affected them and their families.

Loss of income from jobs has affected families, in the state, in several ways and has limited their access to necessary facilities. During distribution of ration kits, SEEDS team came across families, comprising differently abled members and kidney patients, who required dialysis and help for other medical conditions, but could not get it as the working member of the family had lost his income because of the lockdown, and medical facilities had become unaffordable for them. There is a need to help such families by providing them with financial help, livelihood options or skills.

REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

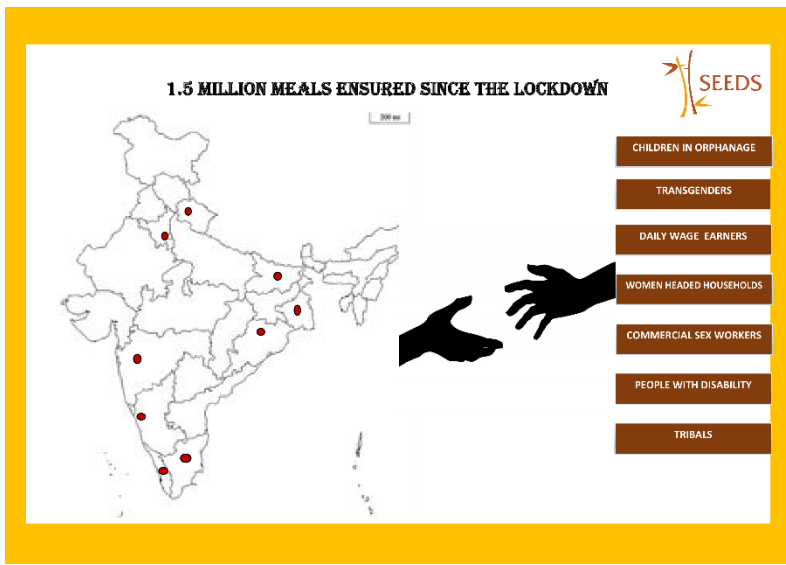
 <p>Dry Ration</p>	 51760
 <p>Family Hygiene Kit</p>	 36420
 <p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's)</p>	Initiated

SEEDS IN ACTION



"I have received the hygiene kit and am really thankful to SEEDS and all of whom are associated with a humanitarian gesture like this. Being a woman, I have to look after the overall cleanliness at home. These items will help me ensure the same."

-Uma, Laborer, Ganesh Nagar, Delhi



We have about 10 staff members and 40 key volunteers working in the field and contributing towards the mission.



Ration kits were distributed amongst daily wage laborers residing in Odisha. These are mostly people who are natives of Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, residing in Odisha and do not have a ration card



SEEDS recently started distributing dry ration and hygiene kits in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. The distribution is mainly focused on categories of people who are incapacitated and facing a huge challenge to meet their living ends, such as, the daily wage workers, elderly couples, families led by women, migrant workers and people with disability.

Lockdown in addition to illness- Tale of Prasanth's battle with life



One of the needy recipient of the dry ration kit from SEEDS is Prasanth Ozhukkolly, who in his early 30s lives along with his old parents in Panamaram panchayat, Wayanad, Kerala. He was a daily wage worker, but compromised kidneys that require regular dialysis have left him with no work hence helpless. The family is now dependent on the meagre earnings of his old mother that she manages through daily wage agricultural jobs.

"I'm so grateful to SEEDS and its members who in this extremely adverse situation have come to our help"- Prasanth

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