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SEEDS Emergency Response

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TEMPERATURE CHECK

#CycloneAmphanResponse

Cyclone Amphan hit West Bengal on the afternoon of May 20, 2020 leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. The plight of millions who have lost their homes has been made worse in a situation when the coronavirus epidemic is raging across the region. In the immediate aftermath of a disaster, displaced people need food, shelter, security and healthcare. However, it has to be also kept in mind that they will need support to rebuild their houses and restart their livelihoods.

SEEDS on the Ground

SEEDS' relief activities are ongoing

❖ Mobile Health Camp

The devastation took away from people the safety of their homes, their meagre livelihood, and have exposed them to the fear of multiple illnesses which may be highly contagious. SEEDS in collaboration with Grace Cancer Foundation has embarked on a 14-day journey to provide medical aid in remote areas. The mobile health camp with skilled doctors will move from village to village to monitor the status of people's health, diagnose them and provide them with appropriate medicines.

Below areas are to be covered during the 14-day camp on wheels

East Medinipur 8 to 11 June 2020	North 24 Pargana 13 to 16 June 2020	South 24 Pargana 18 to 21 June 2020
Dariapur	Kaijui	Caning
Junput	Nazat	Gosava
Nayaput	Lebukhali	Bakhali
Pareluia	Dhamakhali	Magataha

A medical bus with equipment, medicines and specialised doctors will do a 14-day tour covering planned routes to ensure the safety of thousands of people across West Bengal providing them free medical check-ups, consultations and medicines



Damage across West Bengal



16 Districts Affected



13.6 Million People Affected



53,932 Houses Fully Damaged



72,587 Houses Partially Damaged



15,000 ha. crop destroyed



52,602 people in relief camps

Source: Partner organisation and volunteers in field

Immediate Needs

SEEDS aims to reach out to 1 lakh affected people



Safe Drinking
Water Supply



Ration, Hygiene &
Family Utility Kits



Shelter
Support



Medical Health
Camps



Village Hygiene
and Cleaning Kit

Stories from the ground



“The installation of generator has eased our life to an extent”

-Sheikh zaid

Most of the households depend on water supply system for their drinking purpose that runs through electricity. Due to Cyclone Amphan, power supply has been breached and safe drinking water has become a major issue for the families living in Sarada gram panchayat, Contai 1 Block in East Medinipur. SEEDS has been able to facilitate 15 villages with over 7000 families with safe drinking water by hiring a generator that runs 30 minutes in the morning and evening, providing drinking water to the cyclone affected families. Seen in the picture above are, thirty-two-year-old Sheikh Zaid, who now, no longer has to ride his bicycle for 4-

5 kms and stand in long queue for water, Gopal Mitra from a nearby village Hinch, who was struggling hard to fetch water for a family as large as with 17 members and Chandan Pradhan, 48, who had to cover 5 kms each day only to fetch water.

“The cyclone has completely ravaged my home”

- Nihari



In a rush to leave for the Aila Ghar (Multipurpose Cyclone Shelter) fearing the impact of the cyclone we left behind our food, basic belongings and goats. Reaching up till the shelter was a scary experience watching the trees swaying in the heavy windstorm induced by Cyclone Amphan and seeing my granddaughter hit by a tree. It took me and my family along one hour to reach the cyclone shelter that is otherwise usually 10 minutes' walk”, recalls sixty-year old Nihari from Tiakolla village, GP Dariyapur in Deshapran Block of East Medinipur. Nihari returned home the day after only to see flattened earth with all her belongings, utensils and rice, raged by Cyclone Amphan.

Nihari is a poor widow who battles the nuances of a hard life along with other eight members in the family and survives on prawn fishing. Her son-in-law works in Kerala and has not been able to come due to COVID19. Fighting all odds of life and especially in these challenging times she hopes to one day ensure better living for her family.

#Covid-19 Response



SEEDS IN ACTION

We have about 150 key volunteers working in the field and contributing towards the mission

With the efficient support of local administration, and volunteers on ground, SEEDS team managed to complete the distribution of 3776 dry ration and 3776 hygiene kits in Pune, Maharashtra. The major communities catered to were daily wage workers, families led by women, elderly, widow/widower led families and people with disability.

A total of 6219 Ration and 3500 Hygiene Kits have been distributed in Delhi-NCR covering 10 districts, reaching out to ghettos, slums and other areas with deprived communities.



SEEDS needs your kind support for reaching out to 1 million persons in underprivileged communities across India

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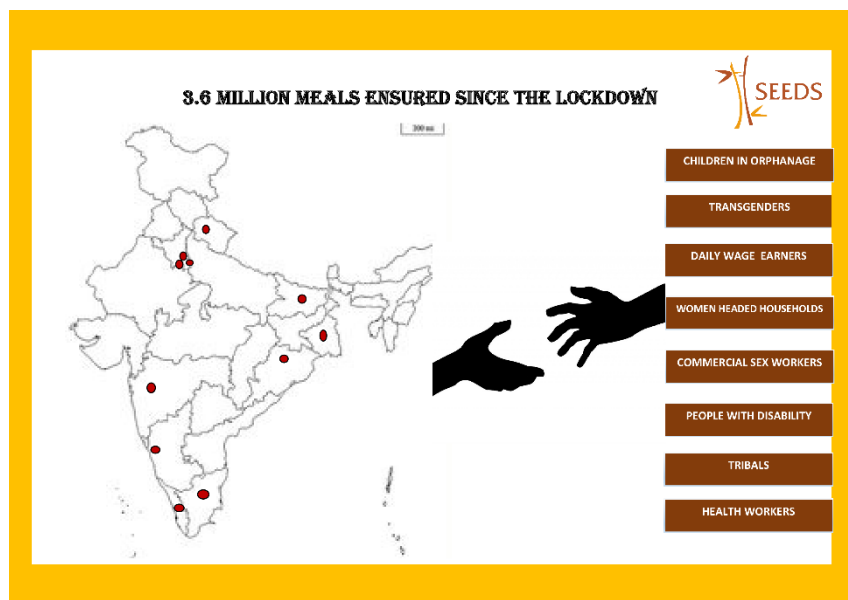
SEEDS stands strongly with those in need in these difficult times!

Needless to say Nomads are one among many communities that are worst affected by the lock down. The complete countrywide lock down has taken a heavy toll on their erratic incomes which many of them earned through roadside Ayurvedic medicines and toy shops in Gurugram. Adding further to their misery in these challenging times the new highway projects under construction near their dwellings have rendered them homeless. SEEDS identified 20 such families living in Gurugram, and provided them with interim relief by distributing ration kits.

Chandrawati, in her late 50's, hails from a Gypsy community in Chittorgarh. The nomads like Chandrawai have been travelling across the country relying upon seasonal incomes. She expressed her gratitude on receiving the relief kit. "Our Community is generally considered as outcast but I am thankful to SEEDS, for thinking about us, reaching out and providing us with interim relief", said Chandrawati



REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



More than 2 lakh lives touched across 11 states of India

1. 3.6 million meals distributed in ration
2. Over 20,000 families received essential hygiene kits
3. 2,850 PPE kits for frontline health workers to keep them safe



1,13,000
people reached



1,03,380
people reached



2850
kits distributed

SEEDS COVID-19 HELPLINE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC QUERIES

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**9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
ALL 7 DAYS**