






TEMPERATURE CHECK

Sustainable Development Goal 5 addresses gender equality and the empowerment of women and is a key to achieving other goals. However, the crisis generated by the Coronavirus Pandemic has had serious adverse impacts on women's health and economic status and has in some cases eroded the gains achieved by them over the years. Homemakers and working women have both been affected by the need to stay confined, and many of them are forced to face problems alone since other members of the household, including men, are stranded in other parts of the country or the world. An increase in cases of domestic violence, loss of income, increased responsibility of unpaid care and the stress of protecting themselves and their families from the disease are some impacts that women have been facing. Since they are primary caregivers in Indian households, closure of schools and offices and the increasing threat of disease has imposed additional responsibilities of unpaid care on women and has added to the daily stresses of living in a patriarchal society. On the business front women owners of informal, small, and medium businesses are facing losses and liabilities, and in some cases have lost the sole source of income. Restarting the businesses, if at all they are started, might be an uphill task for several women as many, who have lost work, have been forced to migrate, and starting businesses at new locations or returning to old ones and accessing finance required to restart would be a challenge. Women engaged in healthcare professions and working as doctors, nurses, ASHA workers, are also affected as they directly exposed to infection and run the risk of infecting family members. Many of the ASHA workers, engaged in educating people about precautions to be taken to avoid contracting the disease, are themselves exposed to infection as they lack personal protective equipment.

Considering the challenges faced by women in the current situation, focused efforts would be required to support them while responding to the crisis and in helping them recover from the crisis when it ends.

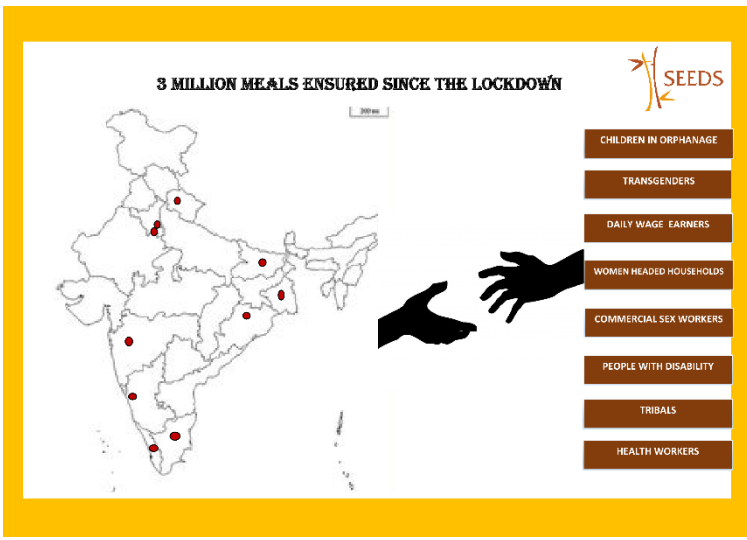
REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

 <p>Dry Ration</p>	 1,00,075
 <p>Family Hygiene Kit</p>	 83,635
 <p>Personal Protective Equipment (PPE's)</p>	2850 Kits Distributed



"I work as a street sweeper. I have been working every day to keep my city clean and hygienic. If people like me stop working there will be added risk of spreading infection. I know that like me, many are providing services to citizens during this COVID - 19 Pandemic. I am overwhelmed to see that your team members are distributing Hygiene kits containing necessary items, this shall help us in improving our hygiene. I would like to bless all those who are part of this gesture".

- Laxmi, Bhubhaneshwar



SEEDS IN ACTION

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

COVID -19 PANDEMIC IMPACTING ONE AND ALL!



Ms. Sunita , a teacher by profession (widow) shifted to Dehradun 4 months back after spending 15 years in Mumbai. While in the course of Kit distribution comprising ration, done along with partnership of credible stakeholders and police department that help identify the deprived communities, the SEEDS team at first could not relate to the Mrs Dean, in view of her background that reflected her from a comfortable middle class family. However, the team’s interaction with her surfaced the intensity of the impact that the pandemic and this lockdown has laid not only on the deprived and poor communities but one and all.

Once living a reasonably manageable life, Sunita after her husband’s death now struggles to ensure a decent livelihood to her family. Lockdown has stopped her meagre income sourced from tuition hence making her extremely emotional while receiving ration from SEEDS which she says is the basic requirement for survival.

She humbly thanked the team for reaching out to her and expressed that may everyone in need be reached out at this critical hour



The global Pandemic, while, will leave behind long lasting scars, however the crisis on the other hand has led to successful testing of collaborative work. To testify the same, SEEDS would like to acknowledge its connection with not only the government authorities in the capital city, Delhi, such as District Administration, District Disaster Management Authority but also the Panchayati Raj Department from Haryana State.

With their support and efficient alliance, the team managed to incorporate a need mechanism to process the ration and hygiene kits distribution. A total of 4837 Ration Kits and 2444 Hygiene Kits have been distributed in Delhi-NCR so far



A total of 1831 dry ration kits and 1831 hygiene kits have been distributed in the Madurai district, Tamil Nadu till date. The major communities catered to were the disable, widow/widower led families and daily wage earners including Handloom weavers, rickshaw pullers, loading and unloading workers, barbers, auto rickshaw drivers, clothing pressers and sanitation workers

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

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