



# Indian Red Cross Society

## COVID19 Impact Report- Special Edition

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"The broad spectrum of activities undertaken by IRCS across the country in response to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency are testimonial to IRCS' commitment to humanitarian endeavors. Thousands of IRCS volunteers are relentlessly working in the communities to help others. As we are in the 100th year of our founding and are approaching the World Red Cross Day (8th May), I believe, our response to COVID-19 pandemic has demonstrated our capability in functioning as an auxiliary to the government and addressing the most important needs arising from disasters and emergencies."

***Sh. R.K. Jain, IAS (Retd.) Secretary General, IRCS***

### **IRCS as Auxiliary to the Government**

- Community kitchens, distribution of dry ration
- Community surveillance & community service (home delivery of medicines & essential items)
- Logistic support to quarantined homes & centers
- Red Cross Ambulances for transporting patients
- Distribution of masks, gloves, soaps, IEC material, etc.
- Shelter Homes, Red Cross Hospitals & Isolation centers
- Establishing link between stranded people & their families
- Advocacy & social distancing

### **Blood and Blood Services**

- 24x7 operations of most of the 89 IRCS blood banks
- Mobilizing donors for voluntary blood donation
- Pick and drop facility to donors
- Blood collection from donor vicinity
- Uninterrupted supply to Thalassemics & other blood transfusion dependent patients
- Additional measures for safety of staff & donors

### **Our Contribution - "Saving Lives, Changing Minds"**

#### **National Headquarters- Leading from the Front**

- Several online meetings & trainings with field branches, volunteers and movement partners
- Issued guidelines & closely monitored with State/UT branches to ensure that the field branches are working in close coordination with local government
- Launched a structured response for uninterrupted blood supply from IRCS blood banks. Since 25th March, 1650 units of blood have been collected & 2359 units of blood/blood components have been issued
- A 24 X 7 control room is functional to facilitate blood services for Blood Donors/Seekers. Psychosocial counseling, including counseling for Convalescent Plasma Donations, is also being provided
- Facilitated an online training for staff & volunteers to ensure their safety while working in the field
- Provided support to IRCS branches in kind such as masks (36,500), Sanitizers (4,000), PPEs (1370), thermal guns (30), body bags (1000)
- We have also provided Financial Support to branches. Till date Rs. 1,22,00,000/- has been transferred to various State/UT branches
- Coordinated various donations from abroad for use by frontline caregivers

## The Milestones so far: Impact in Numbers

- **Volunteers** deployed: **42,000**
- People benefited:  
Masks: **21,05,900**; Sanitizers: **4,46,185**; Soaps: **11,85,355**; Other Items: **2,14,032**
- People provided with **food** & dry ration: **1,66,83,472**
- People accommodated in **shelter** homes: **14,814**
- People in Red Cross managed **Isolation/Quarantine** facilities: **8,157**
- **Blood donation camps** organized: **643**
- **Voluntary blood donations** (units) during lockdown: **27,410**
- **Blood** & blood components (units) **issued**: **17,300**
- People benefitted with **psychosocial support**: **56,245**
- **Institutional tie-ups** (apart from Government Departments): **1,279**
- **Ambulances/RC vehicles** deployed: **507**
- **Value of support** (both in cash and kind) for COVID-19 response: **Rs. 34,92,57,300**

### The Road Ahead - "Intensive Efforts, Targeted Interventions"

- Advocacy & facilitation of social distancing & personal hygiene with specific focus on poor, marginalized and resource poor communities
- Uninterrupted supply of blood and blood services
- Psychosocial counseling, including counseling for Convalescent Plasma Donations
- Integrated livelihood interventions to address long term socio-economic impact of COVID19

### IMPACT OF 24/7 BLOOD SERVICES

**6420+ Thalassemics** benefitted (Regular Blood Transfusion, Pick & Drop, Iron Chelation Therapy, Medicines, etc.)



### SHELTER, MEDICINES, AWARENESS



**2,34,000** people accommodated in Shelter Homes



Medicines worth **INR 43 lakh** distributed



**39,51,472** PPEs distributed

## Credentials & Testimonials

### Statement by Hon'ble President of India



"I must thank all our fellow citizens, NGOs, social workers, religious and charitable organizations, Red Cross and many others who are serving the nation in different ways. I commend their spirit. I am confident of their sustained contribution in ensuring victory against COVID-19."

### Mann ki Baat by Hon'ble Prime Minister



"The status of available blood stock in blood banks across the Nation can be known from <http://eraktkosh.in>. For any Blood Services need in Delhi, you may contact Indian Red Cross Society Control Room at 011-23359379, 9319982104, 9319982105"

### Statement by Hon'ble Health Minister



"#दिल्ली में 38000 स्वैच्छिक रक्तदाताओं के साथ @IndianRedCross सक्रियता से संपर्क कर रहा है। इस #lockdown की परिस्थिति में रक्तदाताओं की स्वीकृति पर संस्था मोबाइल वैन भेज कर या उनके आवागमन की व्यवस्था कर के रक्तदान सुनिश्चित कर रहा है।"

### ALLEVIATING HUNGER

An estimated **1.67 crore people** have been provided cooked food, dry ration & other essential food material by Indian Red Cross



### LIVES IMPACTED

**2,18,00,000 people reached** (Blood Services, cooked food & dry ration, shelter, medicines, PPEs, Thalassemics, transportation services, etc.)



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