Indian Red Cross strives to reach the most vulnerable. Volunteers in Chatra, Jharkhand distributed ration & fresh vegetables among people of the Birhor tribal/Adiwas forest community as well as those from the Baiga tribe today.

Red Cross volunteers in Arunachal Pradesh are regularly visiting & observing households that have been placed under quarantine & isolation to ensure that members are staying at home & are following the standard guidelines.

Volunteers in Panchgani, Maharashtra are regularly visiting homes of individuals placed under home quarantine to keep a track of their health status & to monitor the health of their close contacts as well.

Volunteers in W.Bengal prepare bundles of dry ration for distribution among 100 families of the vulnerable Adivasi/Tribal ‘Sabar’ community.

WATER IS LIFE
Volunteers in Nagaland distributed water among Police personnel on duty in Noklak district today!

In Manipur, early risers make necessary purchases for their households in the wee hours of the morning. Post lockdown, as they step out in large numbers, the Red Cross volunteers help them maintain appropriate social distance in marketplaces and conduct community surveillance to ensure guidelines are followed.

Indian Red Cross Society
Pan-India COVID19 Response

Date: 03.04.2020
Time of Publishing Report: 20:00

Online Training of Volunteers
It was the first time in the history of Indian Red Cross Society (IRCS) that 900 staff and volunteers participated in an online orientation program for response to COVID19.

In the orientation sessions of over 4 hours, information on ‘Self-protection, door to door surveys, community surveillance & quarantine services’ was shared with the participants.

Different departments of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), GOI, World Health Organization (WHO) and UNICEF facilitated the training with inputs from Indian Red Cross Society.

The Secretary General desired and encouraged all Red Crossers to rise to the occasion as this has been one of the worst calamities of our time.
Red Cross Volunteers in action

**30,000**

**Present across**

**1100**

**Red Cross Units in India**

**Primary Activities**

**Dissemination & Awareness Creation**

Through IEC material developed in local languages.

Campaigns in public places, at doorsteps to reach the last mile

By enforcing social distancing in public places such as pharmacy shops, kirana stores, farmer markets

Distribution of PPE: masks, gloves, sanitizers, soaps

**Preparation & Distribution of Food among the needy**

Community kitchens being run to prepare & deliver packed food to migrants, homeless, in slums & remote rural areas

Dry ration & clean water being distributed

Fruits, water being provided to volunteers & Government staff providing services

In close coordination with the district administration, Red Cross volunteers are conducting the following activities:

- **Community Surveillance** to enforce lockdown and social distancing in public places
- **Home delivery of essential items** such as food, ration, medicines for women headed households, senior citizens, disabled individuals
- **Logistic support** in running and monitoring quarantine & isolation centers and homes of suspect cases
- Several Red Cross hospitals & cyclone shelters are being converted into Isolation centres for suspect cases
- Where possible, available spaces are being converted into Shelter Homes for the needy
- Pilgrims, tourists, migrant labourers, students & others are being provided food & shelter & are being connected with their families

Red Cross owned vehicles have been made available to the local administration for use

Out of the total 89 Red Cross blood banks, many are being run 24/7. All efforts are being made to meet the needs of Thalassemic & other blood transfusion dependent patients. Pick and drop facility is being provided to donors wherever possible.

All precautions are being taken to ensure safety of staff, blood donors and patient attendants.