Indian Red Cross Society
Pan-India COVID19 Response

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Today's Highlights

The Gujarat State Govt. has given the State Red Cross responsibility of home delivering medicines for patients of Thalassemia, HIV-AIDS & TB. This shall ensure that these patients do not need to step out of their homes in the wake of covid19

Red Crossers are life savers! In Uttarakhand, Red Cross volunteers rushed to take an old lady to the hospital immediately on receiving a call for help. She was feeling unwell and was alone at home. Our volunteers stayed with her and ensured that she did not face any difficulty.

Today's Updates

Blood Bank staff in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh clean and disinfect their own premises as well as the surrounding areas of the Blood Bank using bleaching powder.

In Tamil Nadu, volunteers worked tirelessly to pack & distribute ration & other grocery items at the doorstep of disabled individuals. Volunteers also assured them of their continued support.

In Odisha, volunteers encourage VBDs to donate blood by informing them about the initiatives taken by IRCS to ensure safety for all. All Blood Banks have been advised by Nhq to practice safety precautions in the wake of covid19.

Volunteers in Haryana are going all out to reach every person in need. They distributed packed food among the labourers walking their way home on the National Highway.

Volunteers in Silchar, Assam distributed essential relief aid such as dry ration on a remote river island. All the material was loaded on to a boat & shipped to the location.

Volunteers in J & K are making all efforts to contain the spread of coronavirus. They are sanitizing all susceptible areas such as office buildings, banks, ATMs & other such places across multiple locations in the city of Jammu.
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.