Indian Red Cross Society
Pan-India COVID19 Response

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**Today's Highlights**

IRCS' Bel Air Hospital in Panchgani, Maharashtra has converted 60 hostel beds into quarantine wards for isolating COVID19 suspect cases. All requisite arrangements have been made by Red Cross Hospital staff.

Volunteers in Andaman & Nicobar are assisting the Health Dept. in conducting surveillance of households within a 3 km radius of areas that have been marked as covid19 ‘Hotspots’. Every volunteer has been given the responsibility of covering a minimum of 50 households/day.

**Today's Updates**

Volunteers in Punjab are making all efforts to ensure that relief reaches anyone in need. They distributed dry ration & other essential food ingredients among residents of an Old Age Home.

In Karnataka, Red Cross volunteers & corona warriors are managing the Command and Control Centre at the Dakshina Kannada District Administration office in the city of Mangalore.

Volunteers in Goa helped a pregnant lady from Ukraine reach the nearest hospital, 28 Kms away. They arranged for her medical check up and tests & dropped her back to her residence.

Volunteers in Manipur engaged a young audience at a Children's Home in a session on proper Hand-Washing. They also distributed personal protection items such as soaps & sanitizers amongst them.

Volunteers of IRCS' St. John Ambulance conducted mass sanitization of several residential colonies in Delhi. Public areas such as lanes, gates & parks were covered in the cleanliness drive.

Volunteers of Etawah district in Uttar Padesh attended to an old lady who had fractured her hipbone after a fall. The volunteers took her to a hospital in a Red Cross ambulance & helped her in receiving treatment for her ailment.
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.