Since the last two weeks, volunteers in Nellore, Andhra Pradesh are running 5 Shelter Homes for 800+ street dwellers & migrant labourers stranded in the State. The beneficiaries are being provided food and medical care. The District Branch has been raising funds to sustain these operations.

Ms Clodia Rongpipi, a Red Cross volunteer from Assam came to the rescue of an elderly lady. The lady had fallen ill & was alone at home at that time. Clodia carried her on her back to the nearest hospital for timely medical attention.

In Puducherry, volunteers are engaged in surveillance activities and are also reaching vulnerable communities with essential relief aid. They are inspecting vehicles & identifying suspect cases using thermal scanners at check posts, & are also distributing food, masks and home made sanitizers among the needy.

Volunteers in Tripura are visiting remote rural areas to conduct awareness campaigns on covid19. They are engaging with communities to answer their queries, & fight rumours with factual information on prevention & spread of the disease.

Red Crossers in J & K have come to the aid of a lady in need of regular dialysis. Post lockdown, daily wage earners have been facing difficulty in making ends meet. Thus, for the running month, IRCS J & K UT Branch has decided to support her in undergoing dialysis.

Post lockdown, Red Cross volunteers in Haryana have reached 40,15,071 individuals with dry ration & packed food. 53,386 stranded & migrant labourers are being provided shelter in homes set up by volunteers in districts across the State. Provisions are being made to sustain the ongoing support.

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Volunteers in Uttarakhand are reaching people in remote, difficult terrains to ensure supply of essential food items.

Volunteers in Gumla, Jharkhand are educating rural communities on COVID-19 and are distributing masks and ration among them.

Volunteers in Koppa, Karnataka are reaching people in remote, difficult terrains to ensure supply of essential food items.

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.