Today's Highlights

EVERY LIFE COUNTS for RED CROSSERS

Our volunteer in Mumbai, Jay Pandaram is doing all he can to feed the street dogs who have been left starving in the post lockdown period. He is regularly feeding them as a true humanitarian!

Volunteers in Sultanpur, U.P. are conducting extensive awareness drives in rural areas to educate people who have returned home from cities. They are encouraging them to practice precautions so that the disease does not spread among others in the village.

Today's Updates

R Lalnunthar Khawbung, a volunteer from Dima Hasao, Assam has been making facial masks at home. He has already distributed several hundred among the needy and is striving to reach many more in need of protective masks.

Due to the current lock down, victims of a fire tragedy in Manipur encountered difficulty in arranging food & certain other essential items for themselves. Most of their belongings were burnt in the fire. Volunteers & staff from IRCS Manipur extended help in the form of utensils, towels and mosquito nets.

Volunteers in Koraput, Odisha are ensuring that rural communities practice social distancing when they gather to collect water & manage other essential needs. Rice, essential food material & other relief aid is also being distributed among those in need to ensure food supply reaches everyone.

Volunteers in Chatra, Jharkhand are preparing fresh food in the IRCS operated "Janseva Rasoi" for several hundred migrant labourers & people of the forest dweller Birhor & Baiga communities. While the labourers eat in the Red Cross premises, food is packed & delivered at the doorstep of the remote forest people.
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 centers 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.