Indian Red Cross Society
Pan-India COVID19 Response

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**Today's Highlights**

Volunteers in Punjab have made personal contributions to provide ration for MDR TB patients.

IRCS helped 32 Assamese pilgrims stranded in UP establish contact with families in Assam & inform them of their whereabouts.

Vadodara Blood Bank started pick and drop facilities for VBDs. Mobile vans were flagged off today.

**Today's Updates**

Today, we handed over 500,000 masks to the Ministry of Health. These were sourced through donation by IRCS & consisted of 450,000 single use masks and 50,000 civilian/surgical masks (technical standard: N95 or similar). Total value amounted to INR 3.5 crores.

Volunteers in Telangana are working along with police personnel & staff from the Health Department to verify the health status of close contacts of covid19 positive cases.

Round the clock, volunteers in Kerela, have been conducting community surveillance of vehicles. They are also using thermal scanners to detect any COVID19 suspects.

**11,654 volunteers** from Haryana State Branch have reached **10,52,882 needy** people with essential relief aid (packed food & dry ration). They are providing shelter to more than **11,703 migrant labourers** & stranded people.
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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

Current Focus
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.