Indian Red Cross Society
COVID19 Response

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"The multi-dimensional response by IRCS to the ongoing COVID19 emergency is a testimonial to IRCS’ commitment to humanitarian services. I salute all the Red Cross volunteers who are playing their role very effectively in this critical time. They actually deserve maximum appreciation for their relentless services in the community."
Sh. Pranav Singh, Member, National Managing Body

Our Impact
IRCS works with the objective to reach the most vulnerable sections - and it is the female Red Cross volunteers of IRCS Gujarat who are leading this mission by stitching attractive face masks for needy women. These masks are washable & layered & have already been distributed among approx. 1,00,000 people. The team has stitched 1,40,000 such masks till date.

IRCS Haryana is making all efforts to educate & encourage people to follow covid related safety precautions & stop the transmission of the virus. They have already facilitated social distancing among 14,30,917 people. Volunteers are also working with vulnerable communities to induce positive hand washing behaviour change, having reached 6,00,694 people till date.

IRCS Uttar Pradesh is working tirelessly to ensure the safety of communities who are at maximum risk. Recently, the team in Lucknow teamed up with NDRF to conduct sanitization of jhuggis. They also educated & encouraged residents (approx. 500) to follow covid safety precautions & distributed masks, soaps, food material among them.

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Today's Highlights

Volunteers in Mandi, Himachal are working with the District Admin. & SARVA volunteers to identify & reach elderly & disabled individuals living in remote areas with medicines, ration & other essential goods at their doorstep.

Volunteers in Katihar, Bihar are reaching those who usually get left behind. They provided masks, sanitizers & food to 100 needy people & informed them about related precautions to keep safe from covid19.

In order to maintain adequate supply of safe blood during covid, IRCS Goa organized a blood donation camp in Pedne Taluka where 54 units were collected. Donors were also given flowers in appreciation.

IRCS Andhra Pradesh is working round the clock to provide food to the needy & ensure no one goes hungry. Recently, volunteers distributed food, watermelons and masks among 500 people in Unguturu & Vijayawada.

Updates from NHQ

Blood Bank- NHQ
Units Collected : 42
Units Issued : 119
Units Available - 115 units of PRBC, 73 units of Platelet Concentrate, 1478 units of FFP

YRC volunteers in Puducherry distributed hand sanitizers among communities providing essential services.
42,000 Red Cross Volunteers are in action across 550+ districts

IRCS West Bengal State Branch

“COVID-19 pandemic is a new experience & we were not prepared to face this challenge. It is amazing that volunteers of IRCS have risen to the occasion & are reaching the needy people with their helping hands, risking their lives under our Chairman’s inspiring leadership. We are also grateful to Secretary General & other team members of NHQ for their unstinting support & guidance.”
Sh. Syed Nasiruddin, General Secretary, IRCS, West Bengal State Branch

- Active District Branches: 23
- Frontline volunteers: 370
- People reached:
  - Cooked Food Packets: Till date: 5,000
  - Dry Ration Packets: Till date: 20,000
- Distribution of personal protection items: Face masks: 8,000; Sanitizers: 3,000; Soaps: 3,500
- Ambulances: 10
- Blood Collection:
  - Till date: 191 units
  - Camps: 11
- Psychosocial support & Free Consultation with Doctors: 8 doctors of IRCS West Bengal have formed a group to provide these services over phone daily
- Resources spent on relief aid:
  - Rs. 15 lakhs
- Awareness Campaigns conducted in:
  - 215 villages

Volunteers Speak

Sh. Anand Prasad, a volunteer & corona warrior from Karnataka was prompt in responding to the urgent need of a Kidney patient. The patient needed to get his dialysis done & needed assistance with transportation during the ongoing lockdown. Not only did Anand volunteer to take him from his residence to the requested Hospital, he also waited on him till the end of his 4 hour session so that he could drop him back home. Kudos to you!

"I have been associated as a volunteer with IRCS, Youth Red Cross, Mumbai since 2014 with the aim to give back to society in whatever way I can. COVID 19 has posed a challenge to the existence of humans as well as animals like never seen before. While most people are reaching out to humans, I am striving to make a difference to our environment and save 'Mother Earth'. I sincerely urge Red Cross volunteers across the globe do join me in this endeavour and do their bit."
Sh. Jay Shankar Pandaram (Ex Naval Cadet), Volunteer, IRCS Maharashtra

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