Across the country, staff and volunteers from Indian Red Cross Society are responding to a multitude of disasters this monsoon season. From floods to landslides, our teams are on the ground, doing all they can to rescue affected communities & reach the needy with relief aid. **Air India Plane Crash:** Recently, Red Cross volunteers in Kerala provided care, counselling and transportation at the Kerala Air India plane crash site which led to loss of many lives and also caused severe injury to survivors. Our teams worked tirelessly to provide life-saving support at the accident site and in hospitals.

**Kerala:** The torrential downpour in Kerala has caused landslides & floods in several parts of the State, impacting lives of thousands of people. Red Cross volunteers worked with the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams at the landslide site in Rajamala, Idukki district to support rescue operations & recover dead bodies in the wake of a massive landslide. Our teams are also busy preparing food for people who have been evacuated to flood shelter camps. Moreover, several volunteers are on the ground, reaching remote, flood ravaged areas to rescue stranded people across affected districts in the State.

**Bihar:** Hon'ble Governor and Hon'ble President IRCS Bihar, Sh. Phagu Chauhan flagged off 15 trucks carrying relief supplies for the flood affected communities across the State.

**Assam:** Lakhs of people continue to reel under the impact of protracted flooding in Assam, all while battling the COVID19 crisis. Our team of more than 1,500 Red Crossers has been working tirelessly to reach those affected with relief aid. Thanks to their hard work, 13,000+ families have been provided shelter through tarpaulins. Other relief aid such as dry food, clean drinking water, mosquito nets, hygiene kits, etc. also continue to be distributed.

**Uttarakhand:** Hon'ble Governor & Hon'ble President IRCS Uttarakhand, Smt Babi Rani flagged off four trucks of relief aid for people battling with the aftermath of heavy rain, flooding and landslides in the districts of Pithoragarh, Uttarkashi, Rudrapryag and Chamoli at Rajbhawan Dehradun on 05.8.20.

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### Stock Availability

**NHQ Blood Bank**

Update from 31st July to 13th August, 2020

- **Units Collected**: 1155
- **Units Issued**: 1046
- **Units Available Today**: 268 units of PRBC, 21 units of PC, 145 units of FFP; 197 units of WB

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**Donate Blood: Gift Life**

The tireless efforts put in by staff & volunteers of IRCS Cuttack Blood Bank, Odisha helped in the collection of 9114 units of blood during the lockdown period (between April & July 2020). Kudos to the team!

Moreover, to augment their efforts, "Jiban Bindu" the blood donation wing of the ruling political party in the State, the BJD, a seven day blood donation camp was organized where 500 units of blood was collected, despite complete lockdown. A big thank you to all generous donors!

IRCS Ahmedabad, Gujarat collected 328 units of blood at a camp by Gurukrupa Foundation whereas 47 units were collected by Red Cross Anand, Gujarat.
Owing to torrential seasonal rainfall each year, the State of Kerala is bracing for yet another season of flooding, landslides & other natural disasters. IRCS Kerala has started mobilizing larger teams to deal with this crisis on the ground & is also training a minimum of 40 volunteers in all Taluks.

To mark the occasion of the birthday of Hon’ble Governor & Hon’ble President IRCS on 03.08.2020, IRCS Kurnool District Branch, Andhra Pradesh organized an in house blood donation camp, conducted tree plantation and distributed food among street dwellers.

**Recent Updates**

Teams from IRCS Manipur rushed to extend all possible support to people affected in the wake of a fire accident in Imphal West District. 8 shops and establishments turned into ashes, resulting in huge losses to the shopkeepers.

Besides, volunteers of Jiribam District Branch organised a large scale program on COVID prevention. They visited Government offices, educational institutions, quarantine centres, civil society organisations & several other places in the district. Our teams also distributed 3-layered masks and gloves among several people.

Amplifying their efforts in the fight against COVID19, Red Cross Punjab has installed the first hand washing kiosk under the TB project, 'Prevention & Management of Tuberculosis including MDR-TB,' in the district of Jalandhar. Besides, a foot operated hand washing kiosk has also been installed in Amritsar. This initiative will enable vulnerable sections such as TB patients to practice frequent hand washing and keep safe from COVID19. Several such kiosks will be installed at multiple locations across the project areas in the State.

Under the tree conservation proogram, the Youth Red Cross wing of Boudh, Odisha observed the 'Brikhya Rakhyabanbandhan Utsav' at the Boudh Panchayat College premises, in collaboration with the college administration. All participants, including students tied self-made Rakhis around the trees planted within the college premises to emphasize on and celebrate values that can help inculcate a harmonious coexistence between nature and humans.

The COVID crisis has undeniably led to a drop in blood donations. However, the demand has stayed unabated. To meet this rising requirement, IRCS Uttar Pradesh is organizing "Life Saving Campaign: Blood Donation Camp" across the state between the 10th and the 17th of August, 2020. The camps have started and generous donors are stepping forward to make their contribution. We are deeply grateful to them for their kindness that will help save many previous lives.