Indian Red Cross Society
COVID19 Response

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"IRCS volunteers should provide psycho social counselling and support so that there is no stigma or discrimination against COVID19 patients or their families"
Sh. R. K. Jain, Secretary General, IRCS

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| **Total units collected** at Nhq: 34  
In Mobile Vans: 17  
At Nhq Blood Bank: 17  
91 units collected in 3 camps organized by EG District Branch, IRCS Andhra Pradesh  
Dry ration being distributed among 2500 needy families in Muktsar, Punjab  
Food packets distributed among 65 families in remote areas of Darjeeling, W.B.  
200 needy provided shelter in Tiruvarur, Tamil Nadu till date  
8 units of blood collected by IRCS Anand Blood Bank, Gujarat  
89,402 migrant laborers provided shelter till date in Haryana | Since one month, Red Cross volunteers, Master Shibu & team have been tirelessly **stitching face masks** at home. They have already supplied 1000 such masks to IRCS Sitapur & plan to continue their efforts to reach the needy  
The IRCS Anantapur District Branch in Andhra Pradesh has adopted a creative approach towards generating awareness on covid19. They are **painting roads** with colorful artwork to attract the attention of the people towards coronavirus  
IRCS Warangal Blood Bank in Telangana collected a staggering 403 units of blood through 3 camps organized in strict accordance with the COVID19 guidelines  
IRCS Panchmahal Blood Bank in Gujarat organised a blood donation camp to ensure adequate & safe blood supply for the needy in the tribal dominated district. 20 units were collected |

Blood Services
Red Cross Volunteers in action

40,000

Across

500+

Districts in India

Our Activities

- Community kitchens, distribution of dry ration
- Community surveillance & community service (home delivery of essential items)
- Logistic support to quarantined homes & centers
- Red Cross Ambulances for transporting patients
- Distribution of masks, gloves, soaps, IEC material, etc.
- Shelter Homes, Red Cross Hospitals & Isolation centers
- Establishing link between stranded people & their families
- Maintaining an uninterrupted supply of blood by providing pick & drop facility & collecting blood through Blood mobile vans

Beneficiaries Speak

"I work as a daily wage labourer in Koraput. Due to the lockdown, I got stuck here & could not go home. A volunteer from Red Cross informed me about a shelter home. I have been staying there & getting food everyday. Thanks to Red Cross, I am alive today."

A beneficiary from Odisha

"I am a Thalassemia Major patient & require 2 bottles of blood every 15 days. Red Cross has helped me a lot in coming to the hospital & getting the transfusion done during the lockdown. I am really grateful to Red Cross for this."

Vicky Bhagtani, a blood recipient from Gujarat

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