

GRAM SEWA SANGH-JAFS RESPONSE TO COVID-19 IN



NAGPUR, INDIA



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Mr. Vishal P Paranjape, President of Gram Sewa Sangh, Nagpur, INDIA helping the elderly women to lift-up the Grocery Kit donated by Japan Platform/JAFS

The COVID-19 pandemic has completely changed our lives. These are truly unprecedented times that have affected the nation's healthcare systems, leaving millions at the risk of exposure and adding livelihood challenges for many, including migrant workers. At GSS, it is important for us to do our part. We are committed to collaborating, engaging with communities and being a valued contributor to the society, at all times. COVID-19 does not and will not change this. Our primary role is to ensure a reliable energy supply to essential services such as healthcare, food distribution and sanitization. As the impact of COVID-19 grows, so does the demand for social services. We are especially mindful of those experiencing hardship during this time and are responding where we can to the evolving needs of the communities. We, Gram Sewa Sangh along with our NGO partners, JAFS, Japan Platform and staff volunteers have made an impact on the lives of more than 5,000 people starting from April 2020.



Distributed to 150 Needy Families and took COVID-19 Awareness Program along with hygiene kit Distribution to # 550 Households of 150 families.



Grocery Kits Distribution to Widow, Farmers and labors

Recognizing that from migrant workers to drivers, many communities have lost their source of livelihood due to COVID-19, GSS India distributed more than 5,000 grocery kits and 4,000 meals through community kitchens to vulnerable communities in order to support them with basic health and nutrition. In a span of two months, 300 grocery kits were distributed by GSS staff to vulnerable communities/daily wage workers, along with local authorities. Our teams across cities and towns consulted with local authorities to identify people who need this help the most.





Support to the Needy “Shanti Bai” a labor in COVID-19 Pandemic

In Nagpur, 600 vulnerable families were given grocery kits, ensuring that families have access to essential items like wheat flour, lentil, rice, oil and sugar that will support them for a few weeks. Similarly, 300 vulnerable families in villages have also been provided with grocery and hygiene items. Besides this, 150 families below poverty line in Shivaji Nagar, Nagpur have been provided with grocery kits. Essential groceries have also been provided to community kitchens in two locations of Nagpur city for providing daily food to migrant laborer's and poor families. Shanti Bai, is a labor by profession and belongs to the Shivaji Nagar Community. She lives with two children. Like many others, Shanti Bai and her family faced livelihood challenges due to COVID-19 lockdown. She was unable to earn and feed his family for days and was faced with a dearth of groceries due to no source of income. GSS provided grocery kits to support her to feed her family. “GSS helped us by providing the grocery kit which is enough to manage our basic food requirements for about 25 days. This was a much-needed support during these tough times and for that, we are very grateful to GSS”, Shanti Bai shared.



COVID-19 Hygiene Awareness Program

Outcome of the program: The local community people were sensitized about the spread of Corona Virus and its prevention. Around 250-300 pamphlets were distributed and posters were displayed in Slum/Village.



कोविड-19 राहत कार्यक्रम
कोरोनावायरस बीमारी के प्रसार को रोकने में मदद करें।

-  अपने हाथों को बार-बार साबुन से धोएं और हैंड सैनिटाइजर का इस्तेमाल करें।
-  अपनी खाँसी या छींक को अपनी आस्तीन या टिश्यू से ढकें। बाद में डिस्पोज कर हाथ धो लें।
-  आँख, नाक और मुँह को छूने से बचें, खासकर बिना धोए हाथों से।
-  सार्वजनिक स्थानों पर एक दूसरे से लगभग एक मीटर की दूरी बनाए रखें।
-  कृपया घर पर ही रहें जब तक कि घर से बाहर रहने की कोई महत्वपूर्ण आवश्यकता न हो।

STAY HOME



Distribution of Pamphlets to the Community People



Ensuring safety and wellbeing through hygiene kits

GSS India distributed more than 3,000 hygiene kits and helped in creating health awareness among Uber/Medic/essential drivers who are providing services to the communities during these difficult times.



Distribution of Masks to the Slum/Village Community People

Meeting with the Village Sarpanch – Cooperation of government officials during the awareness program and grocery distribution. The sarpanch discussed various issues about the village people during the

COVID-19 pandemic. The GSS team assure the village sarpanch that during this difficult time, the team will help and stand with them together to defeat the Coronavirus.



A photo with Village Sarpanch Mr. Pramod Dakhale along with GSS Team Members



GSS Staff and Volunteer along with Resource Person

OUR SUPPORTER FOR THE COVID-19 RELIEF PROGRAM

We thank **Japanese Platform** for their generous help in the time of need. Through your help we have been able to accomplish and continue working towards helping the poor and needy people. You truly make the difference for us and we are extremely grateful.

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**Let's work together to make INDIA CORONA FREE
STAY SAFE EVERYONE
"NAMASTEY" is world-wide famous again
so
NO HANDSHAKE on this severe outbreak.**

Thank you
Your Sincerely

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