



**Status Report Of COVID-19 Response
An Initiative By NYDHEE
In Odisha
(As On 25 April 2020)**

Highlights of Initiative



- ◆ 50 community volunteers engaged in entire support programme
- ◆ Accomplished relief support to 2000 needy people in 3 Blocks of Khurda District.
- ◆ Ration kit Support to 400 families and 300 sanitation kits to affected population.
- ◆ Connected 278 needy families are to Government's Relief and Response Support programme.
- ◆ Conducted 42 COVID Awareness Camps on Hand washing & Social Distancing in various locations in Khurda District.
- ◆ Major relief support provided to families of
 - 105 Leprosy patients
 - 45 PWDs
 - 45 Transgender community members
 - 31 brick kilns workers
 - 102 Tribal migrant labourers & 72 other workers

Background

In the juncture of rapidly spreading of COVID-19 pandemic in India and nationwide lockdown impacted adversely thousands of extremely vulnerable groups like migrant workers, PWDs, Leprosy patients, People Living with HIV and AIDs, street children, beggars and migrant labourers in Khurda District, Odisha, capital of Odisha Bhubaneswar comes under Khurda District. These groups have been facing acute problems of getting foods due to declaration of lockdown. Majority of these groups are at highest risk of contracting the virus for searching livelihoods.

In unprecedented crisis situation, NYDHEE with the support of its existing donors and philanthropic approach people initiated relief support programme to reach most vulnerable families in Khurda district of Odisha with essential food kit.

In addition to supporting these families with dry rations, our volunteers and frontline staffs have been involved to educate households on hand washing, social distancing and other measures on Covid 19 response. For undertaking the relief and other response activities during the COVID-19 pandemic situation, NYDHEE followed the guideline of district collector of Khurda, Odisha.

Target Segment

NYDHEE ensured steady supply of dry ration kits, cooked food items and sanitation kits Leprosy, Physical Challenged People, Transgenders, Migrant workers, and brick kiln labourers in Khurda district, Odisha.



PROFILE OF OUR BENEFICIARIES & RELIEF SUPPORT

- ◆ **People with Disabilities (PWDs):** The pandemic situation enforced PWDs further vulnerable position, as most of them find hard to get readily support in lockdown period. They entangle with High risk and loss of livelihood which multiply their agony of safety and secured living. Keeping in mind about their multiple vulnerable conditions, we decided to create awareness on prevention of COVID-19 and supply essential relief materials for surviving. *From 14th- 16th April 2020, 45 PWDs were supported with dry ration kits and sanitation kits in Pallaspalli, Laxmisagar and Kapilaprasad area of Bhubaneswar.*
- ◆ **People with Leprosy:** Among the vulnerable groups, the Leprosy patients who face highest risk during lockdown because they are secluded in society. They are in highly moral pressure due to societal stigma. Particularly, about 60-70% of these people in Khurda district those are engaged in begging to sustain their daily life has completely lost their livelihood due to nationwide lockdown since last month. People with leprosy are already marginalised from health services, and the present crisis has worsened their condition further. *On 19th and 21st April 2020, 105 people in Shantidhan Leprosy Colony (Jalana) & Gandhiji shanti nivas leprosy colony (Khurda) have been provided dry ration kits and sanitation kits.*
- ◆ **Transgender community members:** In the wake of COVID-19, transgender communities were severely affected those are living slums of Bhubaneswar. Most of transgender folk work in the unorganized or begging in roadside or in transport sector. Their day-to-day livelihood suddenly stopped in dark. Due to lockdown, they are unable to earn daily wages and have no access to food. Many could not access government welfare schemes and financial aids as most of them don't have enrolled in such beneficiary schemes. It is hard but *We identified needy members through our volunteers/networks in staggered places and supplied dry ration and sanitation kits to them. On 13th April 2020, in Khandagiri, Kargillpada and Pallaspalli Urban settlements of Bhubaneswar we identified them and provided ration and sanitation kits 45 members.*
- ◆ **Daily wagers/Migrant workers/Brick kilns workers in remote villages:** The daily wage earners wage stopped catastrophically and faced started facing severe challenges in subsequent period of lockdown. They face difficulties to meet their daily requirement. The daily wage earners who are unable to work or find job in this pandemic situation fear that "hunger may kill them before coronavirus"
 - *On 10th April 2020, we had provided relief support to 44 households of daily wage workers in Kolha tribes those are living near Chandaka-Dampara Wildlife Sanctuary in Jatni block. They were deprived of work since last 15-20 days and had not received any relief or support from any one. On 11th April, we provided 42 tribal migrant families at Pitagadia village under Chandaka GP. In this village, many daily wage earners those were engaged in labour work have lost their livelihood and returned to the village after the declaration of nationwide lockdown.*
 - *On 12th April 2020, we have provided relief support to families of 31 Brick kilns workers at Bhubanpur village of Baliana block those are trapped at their workplace due to sudden declaration of lockdown. These migrant labourers belong to poverty stricken Koraput-Bolangir-Kalanhandi (KBK) region of Odisha. Due to lockdown situation, they could not return to their*

home. Lack of support from brick kiln owners and immediate by government they were living without work and food for last several days.

Voices from the Ground

We are like intruders to the city even after living here for more than 10 years. we have no ration card nor enrolled in any Govt Scheme. IDs So they did not give us any relief and we are now going through a very difficult time. Thanks NYDHEE for recognizing our plight – **A Transgender beneficiary at Khandagiri (Bhubaneswar) during**



Being a blind, I completely depend on others in my daily life and due to social distancing norm in present scenario, I am facing a lot of difficulties. Govt. should have special provision for the people like us- **A differently abled person at Kapilaprasad under BMC**



We are completely unemployed since last 20 days. We earn daily and feed our family; we rely on cash to meet their daily need. Like regular workers, we do not have access to pensions or any kinds of insurance even don't have bank accounts. We are completely out of resources. If present situation continues, only god knows what will happen to us? – **A Tribal daily wager at Kandalei village of Chandaka**



‘Endeavor of NYDHEE will continue to support those destitute families in Odisha till the situation comes to normalcy’

NYDHEE IN MEDIA

- ✓ NYDHEE- with support from GOONJ undertaking relief activities for vulnerable individuals and groups in Bhubaneswar in the view of coronavirus pandemic. To Read full story visit <https://orissadiary.com/nydhee-with-support-from-goonj-undertaking-relief-activities-for-vulnerable-individuals-and-groups-in-bhubaneswar-in-the-view-of-coronavirus-pandemic/>
- ✓ NYDHEE gives rations at Khordha leprosy colony. To Read full story visit https://www.dailypioneer.com/2020/state-editions/nydhee-gives-rations-at-khordha-leprosy-colony.html?fbclid=IwAR1XJ_C8ZRrhMmoHXqy06xtvGU_020-lvOOw7EBHBZXiinHgfUydwvW7g6M
- ✓ Bhubaneswar based NGO NYDHEE joined hand with GOONJ to support marginalised communities in Khurda. To Read full story visit <https://orissadiary.com/bhubaneswar-based-ngo-nydhee-joined-hand-with-goonj-to-support-marginalised-communities-in-khurda/>

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