

# National COVID-19 Respose:

## *Hunger Knows No Lockdown*

March and April 2020



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### Introduction:

Following the COVID-19 crisis and the subsequent nationwide lockdown (25 March-14 April, extended till 3 May), there was a massive exodus of the informal sector labour force, who lost their jobs as the lockdown imposed shutting down of businesses. Thousands of these workers who were in Delhi-NCR were migrant labourers, for whom the only refuge was going back home, but even that ray of hope was stalled as mobility came to a standstill across the country, including the closing of national borders, rail and air services.



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As the problem of livelihood and food security loomed larger, disrupting lives of thousands of workers, Indiadonates formed multiple alliances with NGOs across the country to provide immediate relief measures.

### Initial Response:

#### Humanitarian Aid International Delhi-NCR



One of the first NGOs with whom we tied up was **HAI**, who started working with migrant labourers stuck in Delhi-NCR as well sanitation workers and refugee camps. They initially targeted 500 migrant workers, who were to be provided with food kit for a month consisting of dry ration. However, they scaled up the number of families. They also set up a community kitchen to provide cooked meals to the vulnerable people settled in migrant and refugee camps. As of 19th April, they were able to **provide cooked food 36,000 people, dry ration to 775 families, provided hygiene and IEC materials in 2 refugee camps.** Indiadonates, went live with the HAI campaign on 28th March, supporting 500 migrant workers to access dry ration, and we were able to raise **Rs 84,455**, through **online mobilisation of 33 donors.**



**Fund utilisation** – Our online outreach campaign and fund mobilisation for HAI was able to serve 63 people till date with food and hygiene kit.



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### Umbrella Campaign- “COVID-19 Response”



Following the extension of the lockdown till May 3, Indiadonates, has started an umbrella campaign, “**COVID-19 Response**” to provide humanitarian assistance by mobilising funds for NGOs in the rural districts of India. Indiadonates has partnered with four organizations from different parts of India.

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## Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS)

Sunderban, West Bengal



**Sunderban**, famous for its mangrove is also one of the most vulnerable villages in India, due to lack of infrastructure, health facility, education. Economic activities are also limited to agriculture and fisheries.

Due to the mass exodus that happened thousands of families have lost their livelihood. While screening of these homebound workers is going on by the on-ground health workers, the families are living in utter poverty, without food or proper hygiene facilities. The worst affected by this lockdown are children, pregnant women. Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha is working primarily with the fishing community to provide food grains to 10,000 families in the coastal blocks of (Kultali, Patharpratima, Basanti, Joynagar-II, Mathurapur-II). Of which Indiadonates is helping to raise funds for 400 families. The campaign is live since April 15.



**Caption:** *Bapi Jhakar and his family lives in the coastal village Kishorimohunpur , Kultali(Sunderban). He is a construction labour working in Kerala. Due to lockdown he has returned home but currently living in a destitute situation, as he has to support an ailing son, who requires constant medical attention and his daughter and wife. He is also one of the beneficiaries of BTS, and getting dry ration for the time period of the lockdown*



**Number of beneficiaries = 400 families**  
**Targeted amount = Rs. 3,00,000**



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## Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre (DBRC)

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana



DBRC works for the Dalits, Adivasis, Safai Karmacharis (Waste Pickers, drainage workers) and other marginalized communities, with special focus on children and women. These communities are engaged in collecting waste for recycling, cleaning the roads, opening blocked toilets, etc. Already living at the margins and facing health perils due to the nature of their occupation, their families are at high risk. While their livelihood has temporarily stalled, so has their ability to buy essential goods. Since the lockdown, DBRC has initiated Relief work to the Waste Pickers, drainage workers and migrant workers in **Guntur, Vijayawada, Tenali, Eluru, Visakhapatnam, and Darsi**. Each Kit will consist of Rice, Dhal, Oil, masks, sanitizer, onions, soaps, surf, etc. These kits will be distributed to 1000 families. Indiadonates is running online campaign to mobilise funds for 400 families.



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## Manav Vikas Sansthan(MVS)

Bihar



In the **Madhubani** district of Bihar, 10,000 out-migrated workers have returned home, due to COVID-19 lockdown. But the situation remains grim, as people do not have enough to eat and neither do they have means to livelihood. During the first phase of the lockdown Manav Vikas Sanasthan started doing an awareness program in the targeted area but soon realised that providing food was a much more immediate intervention, as the lockdown extended for another 19 days. MVS has identified families with elderly, children, and pregnant women who are having a tough time, due to mobility constraints. The campaign will provide short time relief through food items to 400 families during the lockdown.

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**Targeted amount = Rs. 3,00,000**





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## Vikas Samvad (VSS)

Madhya Pradesh



**4 out of every 10 children are affected by malnutrition in Madhya Pradesh.** While more than half of the women and about two-thirds of adolescent girls are anemic. The outbreak of COVID-19 has aggravated the situation as it affected more than 3 crores of unorganized and agricultural workers in the state.

Our partner Vikas Samvad, is working towards providing nutrition and food security to rural families with special focus on Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes in 6 districts of Madhya Pradesh (Rewa, Panna, Satna, Umariya, Niwadi, and Shivpuri). And currently, through their COVID-19 response, they aim to tackle the persisting problem of nutrition in 6000 such families affected due to the COVID-19 lockdown. VSS is running a focused identification program on families with children, pregnant and lactating mothers and aims to provide immediate Food Relief support to 400 families by providing ration kits including legumes, grains, oil, and jaggery along with soap.



Number of beneficiaries = 400 families  
Targeted amount = Rs. 3,00,000



## COVID 19 Response Snapshot

NGO Partners	Areas Covered	Beneficiaries	Target Amount	Total Amount raised
<b>Humanitarian Aid International</b>	Delhi – NCR	500 Migrant Workers	<b>6,87,500 INR</b>	<b>84,911 INR</b>
<b>Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre</b>	Andhra Pradesh and Telengana (Guntur, Vijayawada, Tenali, Eluru, Visakhapatnam, and Darsi)	400 families, (Dalits, Adivasis, Waste Pickers, drainage workers)	<b>3,00,000 INR</b>	<b>82,875 INR</b>
<b>Manav Vikas Sansthan</b>	Bihar (Madhubani)	400 out-migrated families	<b>3,00,000 INR</b>	<b>82,875 INR</b>
<b><u>Baikunthapur Tarun Sangha (BTS)</u></b>	Sunderban, West Bengal (Kultali, Patharpratima, Basanti, Joynagar-II, Mathurapur-II)	400 families, with special focus on children and pregnant women	<b>3,00,000 INR</b>	<b>82,875 INR</b>
<b>Vikas Samvad (VSS)</b>	Madhya Pradesh ((Rewa, Panna, Satna, Umaria, Niwadi, and Shivpur)	400 families, special focus on women and children	<b>3,00,000 INR</b>	<b>82,875 INR</b>