Response to Covid-19

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The Outbreak of Covid 19 has emerged as a health challenge of international concern causing disease and death worldwide and the scale of the outbreak is frightening. On the 24th March, 2020 the Prime Minister of India Shri. Narendra Modi has announced a 21 day lockdown for the entire country hoping to break the chain of infection. Later, the lockdown has been extended due to the increase in the number of cases all over the country.

The lockdown has already disproportionately hurt unorganised and marginalized communities such as Waste Pickers, sanitary workers, drainage workers, construction workers, daily wage workers, HIV Positives, transgenders etc. due to loss of livelihood and lack of food, shelter, health, and other basic needs. Due to the lockdown, millions of migrant workers stranded and are struggling to access essential services across the country. The Lockdown is pushing workers of these sectors into deeper poverty and they are fighting Corona and Hunger at the same time.

Additionally, most of these communities do not possess Ration cards, and are finding it increasingly difficult to avail themselves of any of the government sponsored relief assistance schemes.

DBRC’s Response (Since 27th March, 2020)

After the announcement of lockdown 1.0 in India, the team of DBRC has discussed about the intensity of the spread of the Covid 19 and also effect on the family of the target communities due to lockdown. The team has conducted an assessment on the lockdown and its effect on their livelihood and realised that DBRC should take up response to Covid 19 in our target areas.

1. Sensitization :

The target communities in the 6 districts of Andhra Pradesh and 7 districts in Telangana were sensitized about Covid 19, its mode of transmission, severity of covid, prevention methods and services provided by the government for the people infected with Covid 19. Apart from physical demonstrations in the campaign, we also reach out to the communities over text and voice messages and also regularly shared updates from Central and State government.

2. Advocacy :

We used Advocacy as a tool to ensure the services are provided to the target communities during covid 19. We have taken up the following advocacy initiatives.

- Represented to the commissioner of Vijayawada Sri. Prasanna. Venkatesh and submitted
a list of 234 Waste Pickers who do not have a ration card in Vijayawada and also other poor people and he immediately responded and forward the list to the IAS officers Wife’s Association and from the very next day, they provided Ration to these Waste Pickers and as the lockdown extended further they have given ration the 2nd time also.

- Submitted a representation to the Collector of Kurnool requesting to provide ration and supplementary nutrition to the children who are never enrolled in Anganwadi Centre and upon the instructions of the collector, CDPO has distributed ration and eggs to the 40 children, 7 pregnant and lactating mothers.
- Filed a grievance at the Guntur Municipal Corporation with a request to send water tank to the dumping yard where the waste pickers are living and immediately water tank is sent to the dumping yard from then. The water tanks provide water to 33 families and there is a change in their lives as they don’t need to travel 2 kms to fetch water.
- Represented to the School Teacher of Potthuru to provide dry ration through Mid day meal programme to the Waste Pickers at the dumping Yard, Naidupet. Due to this they could get supplementary nutrition during Covid 19.
- Advocated with the government and facilitated the target communities in accessing the relief packages announced by the government during Covid 19.

3. **Engagement with Community:**

DBRC always believes in engaging with the community in all its initiatives and during Covid 19, DBRC could involve them in the response to Covid 19. As part of it, DBRC has initiated various activities based on the needs of the people wherever they are residing with the support of philanthropists, like minded people, Ngos and Trusts. The Community were involved in the enumeration

- Milk Packets are distributed to 217 Children of Waste Pickers for 63 Days in our target areas in Guntur and Vijayawada with the support of well wishers of our organisation.
- Cooked food is provided to the Waste Pickers from 27th March 2020 till date in 4 of our target areas with the support of local associations/groups.
- Nutrition Supplements and fruits are provided to the Pregnant and lactating mothers with the support of local associations and donors.

![Distributing Fruits & Food materials to migrants on the highway, Guntur](image)
4. **Distribution of Dry Ration:**

DBRC in collaboration with various donors (Bread for the World, Tetra Pak India, Azim Premji Philanthropic Initiatives, India donates, CSR Initiative of Federal bank, VRO, Wassan, Ratnam foundation, Covid Response team, Amma Trust, Krishna District IAS officers Wifes Association, Action Aid, Guntur Municipal Corporation, Jesuit Province, Post offices and TSOs Association) has provided dry ration kit consisting of Rice, dhal, Oil, Onions, chilli powder, turmeric powder, tamarind and salt and hygiene kits consisting of sanitizers, soaps, sanitary pads and masks besides Milk packets, glucose, pain killers, chappals, cooked food, other materials to migrants, Waste Pickers, slum dwellers, construction workers, daily wage workers, brick makers, HIV Positive people and transgenders. Totally 9082 families are reached through this relief programme. This support has helped them to run their family during the lockdown period. During the time of distribution, DBRC has involved the local government officials, volunteers and community leaders.

5. **Cash Transfers:**

We understood that one best way to help people who are not reachable due to the restrictions following lockdown is cash transfer. So, we have mobilised local donors to directly transfer money to the phone pay/google pay accounts of the vendors after our target community members have purchased a fixed kit of groceries at the shops. Totally 208 families were benefited through this cash transfer.

6. **Support for Enrolment in Spandana:**

DBRC has facilitated 684 Migrant workers of Bihar, Orissa and Jharkhand stranded in Guntur and Vijayawada to apply online for enrolment to travel to their respective home towns. After enrolment we followed up with the concerned MROs, DD Social Welfare and also ensured they have boarded the train at Namburu and Vijayawada and also provided them with fruits, chapattis and water bottles.
7. **Transportation Support**:  
Though the government has made travel arrangements for the migrant workers to travel to their respective states there are many who could not go due to the non-availability of tickets and other reasons. So, DBRC has identified 2702 migrants who are walking hundreds of kilometres along with their children in the hot sun and provided them support for travel to their home towns and organised 112 vehicles for their transportation to their home towns.

8. **MOU between DBRC and Jharkhand State Covid 19 Response**:  
DBRC has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Jharkhand State Covid 19 Response team on the 15th April, 2020 with an aim to reach out to the stranded migrants of Jharkhand to accelerate the relief work. Following the MOU, we have provided dry ration to 364 migrants and also supported them for their travel to Jharkhand from Guntur, Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam.

9. **Support to Orphanages**:  
Following the request of Guntur District Control room, Guntur, DBRC has provided Ration to 3 Orphanages where residents are old age people, orphan/semi orphan girl children due to these 145 inmates were benefitted during covid 19.

10. **Support to Poor residing in Red Zones**:  
Based on the Call given by the District Collector, Guntur, DBRC has given 200 kgs of Rice, 40 kg dhal, 50 kg onions and 50 packets of sanitary pads to be distributed to the people residing in the red zones.
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## List of Supporters

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Way Forward:

Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre (DBRC) proposes to take up the following activities post covid 19.

* Strengthening livelihoods of Waste Pickers and other marginalized communities.
* Promotion of Kitchen gardens in the rural areas.
* Sensitization of marginalized communities on COVID-19 and its effects.
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**DBRC’s Response to Covid 19**

**Photo Gallery - Andhra Pradesh**

Sri Md. Musthafa M.L.A., participated in the Distribution of Dry Ration to unorganized workers.

Relief Kits distributed to Sanitary Workers at Vasantaraya Puram, Guntur.

Relief Kits distributed to Waste Pickers at Autonagar, Vijayawada.

Facilitation of Water tank to the Waste Pickers at Naidupet.

Distribution of Supplementary Nutrition to Pregnant Women / Lactating Mothers at Ramireddy Thota.
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Photo Gallery - Andhra Pradesh

Sri Malladi Vishnu M.L.A., Vijayawada Central, Participated in Distribution of Dry Ration & Hygiene Kits to Marginalized Communities at YSR Colony

Distribution of Dry Ration to Waste pickers at Tenali

Support to Migrant Workers for travel arrangement at Vijayawada

Distribution of essential commodities to needy people at Manikeswaram village, Prakasam District

Distributing essential commodities to Waste Pickers at Poranki in Krishna District

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Sri Melam Bhagya Rao participated in the distribution of dry ration & hygiene kits to marginalized communities at YSR Colony.

Distribution of essential commodities to needy people at Indira Colony and Tangallamudi, Eluru Rural, West Godavari District.

Distribution of relief kits to waste pickers at Phanidam, Sattenapalli, Guntur District.

Distribution of relief kits to waste pickers at Darsi, Prakasam District.
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Mr. V. Lakshmana Reddy, State Liquor Prohibition Committee Chairperson distributing essential commodities to Waste Pickers at Kolanukonda, Tadepalli Mandalam, Guntur

Distributing Essential Commodities to needy people at Indira Colony and Tangallamudi, Eluru Rural, West Godavari District

Dry Ration Kits Distributed to Waste Pickers near R & B Colony, Visakhapatnam
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Relief Kits Distribution of Dry Ration Kits to Marginalized Communities at Visakhapatnam

Distribution of Dry Ration to needy people at Visakhapatnam

Distribution of Dry Ration to migrant workers at Visakhapatnam

Distribution of Dry Ration to Waste Pickers at Visakhapatnam
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Distribution of Dry Ration and Hygiene kits to Safai karamcharis at Tenali

Distribution of Dry Ration and Hygiene kits to Sanitary Workers at Gorantla

Distribution of Dry Ration kits to Waste Pickers at Vijayawada

Distribution of Dry Ration to Physically challenged people at Vijayawada
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**Districts Covered**

- Visakhapatnam
- West Godavari
- Krishna, Guntur
- Prakasam
- Kurnool
- Andhra Pradesh

- Sidhipeta, Medak
- Vikarabad
- Rangareddy
- Gajwel, Warangal
- Kamareddy
- Telangana

**FOCUSED COMMUNITIES**

- Waste Pickers,
- Sanitary Workers,
- Migrant & Construction Workers
- Brick Makers,
- HIV Positives
- Transgenders
- Other Unorganized Workers

**FAMILIES REACHED**

- 9082

**ACTIVITIES TAKEN UP**

- Dry Ration
- Cooked Food
- Water
- Breakfast
- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Hygiene Kits
- Horlicks
- Medicines
- Chappals
- Travel Arrangements
- Awareness generation
- Facilitation to get relief packages
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**DBRC COVID-19 WARRIORS**

**SUPPORTING TEAM**

- G. VENKATA RAMANA
  - Guntur
- KASTURI
  - Guntur
- SRI KRISHNA.D
  - Guntur
- DHANRAJ
  - Guntur
- VANAJA
  - Guntur

**PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION & MONITORING**

- CHUKKA SAMUEL
  - ANIL KUMAR
  - Andhra Pradesh
- J. NAGA LAKSHMI
  - Andhra Pradesh
- P. SHANKAR
  - Telangana

**Mr. Alladi Deva Kumar**
- Executive Secretary
  - Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre

**Mr. Jaladi Chittaranjan**
- President
  - Dalit Bahujan Resource Centre
We thank all the Donors and Supporters for lending your helping hand to provide Relief to the most Marginalized Communities in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during Covid 19.
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చిత్రం లోపము స్థానం లేదు మరియు సరైన కారణం సంతకం చేసిన ప్రదేశం లేదు. సంస్థ సంపాదికేంద్రం, చిన్నారుపల్లి తండ్రికుండా - 14410 లేదా పంచాయతి సంస్థ.

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