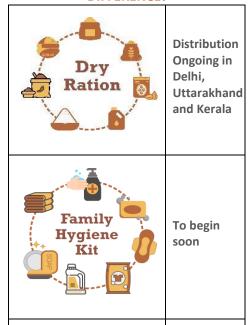


## **#COVID19 RESPONSE**

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# REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!





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## TEMPERATURE CHECK

The Novel Coronavirus outbreak over the last few weeks has thrown the human race into unprecedented challenging times clouded by thousands of deaths already and posing constant threat to yet millions of lives. The danger to life by this transmissible disease has not only pushed mankind to practice social distancing but has also resulted into nationwide lockdowns, shuttering businesses. The daily operational disruption is severely impacting the normal lives of people and, needless to say, it is the economically deprived who get the worst hit.

SEEDS in its true spirit of work, is taking all possible initiatives to help combat the ongoing crisis. SEEDS is reaching out to economically vulnerable people in partnership with Government of India and state governments of Delhi, Bihar, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Odisha and Uttarakhand in India.

In view of the remarkable work being undertaken by teams of people in the medical field to save lives, SEEDS immediately plunged into action and set its priority to therefore support these health workers by providing them with personal protective equipment and gear. Additionally, SEEDS is also actively engaging in distributing dry ration and hygiene kits to the economically deprived specifically in areas of Delhi, Bihar, Uttarakhand and Kerala. Assistance is being provided to local authorities in rural areas where incoming migrant workers need to be quarantined and there is a need of facilities to be immediately set up for this, and hygiene materials to be provided.

#### SEEDS IN ACTION

Several relief activities are ongoing: We have about 10 staff members and 40 volunteers working in the field and contributing towards the mission.

In Mahishi block, Saharsa district in Bihar, in close coordination with the Panchayat heads, SEEDS team supported in setting up quarantine centres. The migrant population is arriving from the cities. Essential supplies for maintenance of the centre and hygiene kits for the individuals have been distributed.



Ration supply and hygiene supply was handed over in Rajkiya Kishore and Kishori Shishu Sadan Kedarpuram, an orphanage in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. Mrs Sunita Kumari the shelter home incharge supported us and also thanked for the assistance to celebrate the Navmi festival with the children of Rajkiya Kishore & Kishori Anathalay Ashram, Kedarpuram Dehradun.





Ensuring the team is practicing safety on ground, all the volunteers and members are geared with protective gears. Parag, our Director, Emergency planning and mobilization leading from the front In East Delhi. Social distancing is maintained across all operations.

#### Anita's Voice

### A small help goes long way!

Anita, in her mid-40s, mother to five children lives in Rani Garden of East Delhi. With challenging domestic issues and a divorce case in the court she was making her ends meet by working as a domestic maid. The recent lockdown due to coronavirus pandemic has taken a toll for hundreds of thousands of daily wage earners across the country like her. While being able to spend more time with her children the ever impending question of feeding her family is a nightmare. SEEDS has been able to gather and categorize in the first couple of days after the lockdown, the data comprising the people to whom the essentials could be distributed. The process of cross verification went further with local volunteers and networks. SEEDS procurement team went into action getting the supply chain in place across country to meet the needs emerging from the ground. On day two after the lockdown families like Anita started getting the ration supply to ensure no one goes hungry. The dry ration kit contains essential items like wheat flour, rice, salt, sugar, mustard oil and pulses to ensure the nutritional portion for a family is well balanced.







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