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## SEEDS Emergency Response

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SEEDS STANDS WITH ASSAM



Chlorination of 147 hand pumps facilitating drinking water to 757 people



120 hygiene kits distributed covering 617 people



Sanitisation of 302 homes and 10 shops ensuring safety and hygiene of 1583 people

## TEMPERATURE CHECK

### #IndiaFloodResponse2020

The state of Assam has experienced the worst flooding over the last ten years affecting over 3.6 million people and claiming 60 lives<sup>1</sup>.

Ensuring timely and prompt response, based on the information received from the ground volunteers, SEEDS is promptly reaching out to affected families in Assam with safe drinking water, dry food, and hygiene kits including key items required for COVID safety.

With extensive damage to houses, and continued heavy lashes, it is imperative to provide urgent relief to several who have been rendered homeless. Immediate support for providing basic home utilities is thus the next priority that we are helping impacted families with.

SEEDS is reaching out to 100,000 affected people in Assam with their immediate needs for water, health and hygiene in the districts of Lakhimpur, Dhemaji, Barpeta and Morigaon

You can help us reach out to those most in need. Lend a hand!

**Ration Kit**  
for a family of 5 consisting of a wheat flour, rice, pulses, oil, spices, salt, soybean, sugar, tea leaf and milk powder

**Rs. 1,000**

to support **one family** with a ration kit for 15 days

**Drinking Water**  
to affected families through disinfection and repair of local water sources like wells, tube-wells and hand-pumps

**Rs. 3,500**

to support a **cluster of families** revive their safe drinking water supply

**Hygiene Kit**  
with reusable masks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, towel, sanitary pads, nail cutter, mosquito repellent, washing soap, bathing soap, washing powder, buckets, mug

**Rs. 1,500**

to support **one family** with a hygiene kit

**Home Utility Kit**  
with plates, glasses, bowls, kadhaj, spoons, lighter; and bedding items like double size floor mat, bed sheet, mosquito net and solar lamp with USB charger

**Rs. 4,000**

to support **one family** with a family utility kit

**SUPPORT US!**

### Stories from the ground



*“My family was highly affected by flood. We could not evacuate so we decided to build a safe space inside our home. We adjusted a bed above another and spent nights there as our house floor was flooded with water. We also had to shift our cows inside as the farm house was flooded with water. It was so hard for us to share the same house with the cows. Even after a month of suffering, we did not receive any government or local aid. SEEDS was the first to reach out to us. My hand pump is chlorinated, my house is sanitised and I also a received hygiene kit. I will always be thankful to SEEDS for reaching out and helping us in need”.*

- Ananta Borah, Sumoni Sapori Village of Jorhat District, Assam

1. As per flood situation report by Assam State Disaster Management Authority as on July 16, 2020

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## #CycloneAmphanResponse

Cyclone Amphan roared into West Bengal, on 20 May 2020, leaving a trail of destruction across 16 districts and affecting almost 13.6 million people. Ravaging more than 53000 houses, the storm destroyed 15000-hectare crop land and displaced almost 52600 people in relief camps. The catastrophic storm unleashed heavy rain and high-velocity winds uprooting trees, breaching embankments, soaking farmlands with saline water and severely affecting livestock. Furthermore, causing several fatalities and rendering many homeless.

### SEEDS on the ground: A few glimpses of the ongoing work-

**Hygiene kit:** A total of **2295** hygiene kits, containing basic hygiene supplies have been distributed. SEEDS by way of this distribution has reached out to the most severely impacted families

**Nutritional support kit:** The dual disaster of Amphan and Covid has rendered many people homeless and Jobless therefore leaving them unable to meet their basic family needs. Among these, SEEDS identified **300** families with pregnant/ lactating women and children below 5 years and distributed nutritional food items

**Safe drinking water supply:** With power lines down in many areas and pumps out of operation, drinking water became an urgent and critical need. SEEDS made its contribution to ensure safe drinking water supply including treatment of available water, decontamination of local water sources, and water filtration systems where needed. In this exercise **11** villages have been provided with safe drinking water and **44** water filters have been installed so far

**Village hygiene:** Destructive cyclonic storm Amphan and heavy rain fall destroyed ecological balance in the impacted areas. Most of pond water got contaminated. Partner organisation's volunteers in field therefore disinfected villages by spreading lime & bleach at different places such as road side, common & individual pond, market place, drinking water sources spots. A total of **15** villages have been disinfected

**Shelter support:** Many people have been rendered homeless, hence requiring facilitation for interim accommodation. SEEDS has taken up and is engaged in restoration of **15** shelters

**Mobile health camp:** Medical bus with equipment, medicines and specialised doctors moved from village to village to monitor the status of people's health, diagnose them and provide them with appropriate medicines. A total of **1601** people have been reached out to through this initiative across West Bengal

**Ration kit:** Kit containing essential food items like wheat flour, rice, salt, pulses, spices and oil for a family size of 5. A total of **600** ration kits have been distributed so far



## WEST BENGAL



**Medical health camps**  
1601 people reached



**Safe drinking water supply**  
12325 people reached



**Village hygiene**  
20000 people reached



**Shelter support**  
82 people reached



**Hygiene kit**  
5152 people reached



**Nutritional support Kit**  
600 people reached



**Ration Kit**  
3277 people reached



## Stories from the ground



*“After the havoc created by super cyclone Amphan, my panchayat was adversely affected. The affect was due to dual disasters, one being cyclone and the other, flood and slime water. As days and weeks passed by, survival became not just difficult but filthy, as the excretion from toilets got above the level and eventually got mixed with the flood water. Our difficulties became worse as the fields started drying up. The fetid odour created distress in the community for weeks, raising health concerns. SEEDS started two days’ health camp initiative in my Panchayat which was a great initiative ensuring both prevention and cure. The entire area of Patharpratima was affected from mosquitos due the blockage of water and other issues. However, the mosquito net provided in the hygiene kit distributed by SEEDS helped combat this problem.*

*I thank the team of SEEDS for providing hygiene kit and ration kit to 600 affected families of my area”.*

- **Radha Rani, Gram Pradhan, Gopalnagar Panchayat (Patharpratima Block)**

**SEEDS aims to reach out to 1 lakh affected people**

## SEEDS IN ACTION

We have about 150 key volunteers working in the field and contributing towards the mission

## #Covid-19 Response



With the efficient support of local administration, and volunteers on ground, SEEDS team managed to distribute 9720 dry ration and 3650 hygiene kits across West Bengal. The major community catered to were daily wage workers who are finding it extremely hard to make their ends meet



A total of 8532 ration and 5000 hygiene Kits have been distributed in Delhi-NCR covering 11 districts, reaching out to ghettos, slums and other areas with deprived communities. The major communities catered to were the migrant workers and daily wage earners including rickshaw pullers, sanitation workers and domestic workers.

**SEEDS needs your kind support for reaching out to 1 million persons in underprivileged communities across India**

For more update check [www.seedsindia.org/covid19/](http://www.seedsindia.org/covid19/)

## SEEDS stands strongly with those in need in these difficult times!

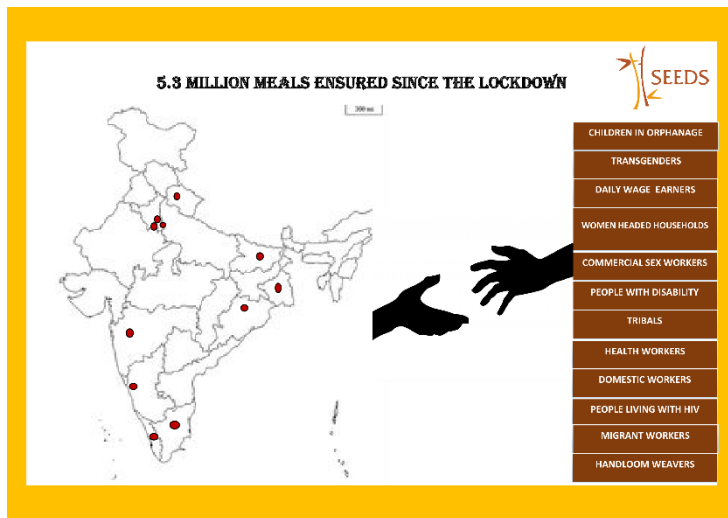


Seen in the picture is Halima Bai from West Bengal, 65 years old living with her son and his wife. Halima's family had already been suffering a loss of income. Her son who earlier worked as a luggage porter had to discontinue the work due to his growing asthma problem. With the discontinuance of Halima Bai's income too, coming to the family from her work of a cleaner in nearby houses, in the wake of Covid-19, only made life more difficult and despondent for all.

A handful of wheat and rice provided by Public Distribution System (PDS) could not mitigate her tension and worry.

*"In this hour of panic an immediate worry for any poor person would be to source two basic meals a day to keep alive. I appreciate the work of your organisation and thank the team for not only thinking of poor like me but reaching out on the ground to provide help. The ration kit provided will take care of me and my family for a while. I pray things get fine at the soonest and I can be back on work again",* said Halima with a sense of relief.

## REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



More than 3 lakh lives touched across 11 states of India

1. 5.3 million meals distributed in ration
2. Over 24,650 families received essential hygiene kits
3. 7730 PPE kits for frontline health workers to keep them safe



**1,78,630**  
people reached



**1,23,250**  
people reached



**7730**  
kits distributed

**SEEDS COVID-19 HELPLINE IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC QUERIES**

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**9:00 AM - 7:00 PM**

**ALL 7 DAYS**