## TEMPERATURE CHECK

Reduction in economic activity, due to the spread of Coronavirus pandemic, has had a positive impact on the environment, helping to repair the damage done by anthropogenic activities. Reduction in emission of greenhouse gases could help in slowing down climate change and delaying the worst impacts. In order to witness an appreciable, long-lasting reduction in impacts, however, the emissions would need to remain low even after the resumption of economic activities after lifting of the lockdown. However, expectations of such a reduction seem to be a pipe dream as the experience of past recessionary periods has shown that emissions tend to spike after a recession due to a sudden increase in economic activity. One of the important factors that is affected by rise and fall of economic activities and disasters is migration. Migration to and from cities often leads to increased emissions as a large number of migrants, accustomed to energy-intensive lifestyles in large cities return, and push up energy demand in these areas, adding to emissions. Besides, transportation of a large number of people over long distances has its own carbon footprint. The influx of returning migrants to villages and cities would also put pressure on spaces and infrastructure already burdened with climatological impacts. Climate change impacts that have already occurred due to past emissions also need to be factored in while considering the effect on the population grappling with COVID-19. Changes in the climatic pattern, due to past emissions, have resulted in increased flooding induced by heavy rainfall over short periods, stronger and frequent cyclones and more intense heatwaves. At local levels evacuation, following events like floods and cyclones, forces people to move into refuge spaces where, due to overcrowding, social distancing, sanitization, and other facilities required to avoid the spread of COVID- 19 may not be available. Further, damage to shelters leads to the displacement of people forcing them to migrate to places where they might be exposed to the risk of infection. Climate induced disasters would exacerbate the issues created by the spread of Coronavirus and force local governments to deal with outgoing or incoming streams of migrant populations and reduce the threat of the spread of infection.

Progress towards Sustainable Development Goal 8 which covers decent work and economic growth will also be affected, particularly for those engaged in primary sector occupations, like agriculture. Agricultural yields have been affected by climatic changes, which has affected their ability to support livelihoods. Returning migrants hoping to earn a living through agriculture might find limited work opportunities in the agricultural sector. Climate change and Coronavirus would thus have multi-faceted, multi-sectoral impacts on the population.



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### **#COVID19 RESPONSE**

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## REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!







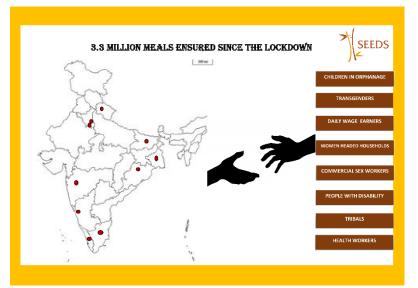




2850 Kits Distributed



Shalman is a daily wage worker in a woodcarving shop, Coimbatore. He lives with his wife and daughter. Unfortunately, he is deaf and dumb by birth. Besides being a sole bread earner, his problem worsened as he did not have a ration card. Our team reached out to Shalman with ration kit. On receiving the same he expressed joy and extended his heartfelt wishes towards our team







With the efficient support of local administration, and volunteers on ground, SEEDS team managed to complete the distribution of 2000 dry ration and 2000 hygiene kits in Bangalore, Karnataka. The major communities catered to were daily wage workers, families led by women, elderly and migrant workers







A total of 5629 Ration and 2905 Hygiene Kits have been distributed in Delhi-NCR covering 10 districts, reaching out to ghettos, slums and other areas with deprived communities. Hence so far reaching out to more than 42000 underprivileged people.

### **SEEDS IN ACTION**

We have about 10 staff members and 40 key volunteers working in the field and contributing towards the mission

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



Meena Mucche, a 43 year old has been struggling to earn living by running Bhel Puri Shop in Yerwada, Pune for past three years. Her responsibility is huge as she additionally tends to her husband and daughter, both aling with critical medical condition, posing extra financial burden on her shoulders

The lockdown reulted in shut down of her ceasing her source of sole and meagre income. SEEDS reached out to her with ration and hygiene kit.

"The volunteers from SEEDS provided us with ration kit comprising items like includes wheat rice, pulses and a lot of other essentials and also a hygiene kit containing disinfectant, sanitary napkins, towel, soaps, hand-wash which are extremely necessary. Thanks to your organisation and to all those for making this possible"

-Meena

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

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