



## **REPORT ON “COMBAT COVID-19”**

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## **RELIEF AND RECOVERY PROGRAMME FROM COVID-19**

### **COVID-19 Response**

The novel corona virus (COVID-19) Pandemic has become the most defining global humanitarian challenge of all time, triggering a deep economic crisis and has been a globally difficult situation for everyone. The people mostly affected from the entire COVID 19 situation are daily wage laborers, migrant laborers, woman from marginalized community specially schedule cast minority domestic workers. Women lost their jobs, just after March 24 when first lockdown imposed while many were got part payment. Domestic workers have been facing financial, physical and Psychological challenges after losing their jobs in the lockdown. If these problems were not addressed it would lead to hunger and malnutrition.

Families belong to Below Poverty Line BPL and Antyodaya families (Extreme Poor) get food grains under PDS scheme of Government. Range of PDS distribution expanded more under Food Security Act. However the Government has omitted the requirement of ration card for supply of food grains to the poorer.

This situation clearly shows that the Covid-19 and the lockdown have badly affected the lives of domestic workers. It would take several years to come out of this situation. Strategic approach is required to help them. Immediate financial help is required for them which could be started together.

Sangini has made efforts to help senior citizens, single/ pregnant women and vulnerable domestic workers by providing food and dry ration and also creating a link to provide them with the government services.

### **Dry Ration**

Sangini is distributing dry ration to those women's who are pregnant, elderly women's between the age of 60 and above, single, daily wages workers (and not monthly basis) like masseur, sweepers, and housekeepers, domestic workers, separated women, divorced women, widowed women and unmarried women (few are males ) who are unemployed, dependent on others, have not received monthly income & also do not have any beneficiary scheme from the government. A total number of 194 packets of dry ration are being distributed on monthly basis.



### **Cooked Food through Community Kitchen**

Sangini have established three community kitchens at Sangini office, Bagmugaliya & Akhbarpur community. For community kitchen we have identified domestic workers from respective communities and they are providing Tiffin service to women's. Through our community kitchen we are providing cooked food to 44 women's who are high risk group and we aim to restrict their movement by providing them with cooked food so that they have lesser reasons to go out in search of employment and food.



### **Distribution Material on health and hygiene**

- **Sanitary Napkin**

We are providing sanitary napkins to women's & girl's .The motive behind the distribution of napkins to raise awareness of using sanitary napkins & the importance of good menstrual hygiene, Maintaining cleanliness during the menstrual days. A total number of 245 napkins are being distributed to community women's & girls.



- **Mask**

Sangini' team and volunteers, distributed handmade masks in community and also raised awareness regarding the importance of wearing masks and avoiding touching of eyes, nose and mouth with their hands. We have distributed total number of 386 masks.

- **Soap**

During our awareness from prevention from spread of covid- 19 we have distributed 300 soaps in our community.



**Distribution of Medicines:**

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to keep the immunity system strong Sangini has distributed homeopathic medicine at various communities like Sai Baba Nagar, Shahpura, Indra Nagar Saraswati Nagar, Ishwar Nagar, Sabji Farm, Bharat Nagar. A Total number of 391 medicines were distributed in the community with collaboration of Government Homoeopathic Medical College and Hospital.

**Education fee/course fee/Books/undergarments –**

There are few Adolescent and Young Girls who totally dependent on others, who do not have parents, they are either living alone or living with one of their relatives. We are providing support to total number 30 girls in the various communities. We are supporting them with dry ration, education fee/course fee, books, undergarments & other necessities.

**Start Up Support**

During the Spain of time slowly- slowly need of food becoming less but demand of jobs emerging continuously so domestic workers contacting us to support on their livelihood so Sangini works to provide job opportunity linking with employer & other institution also help them to start small level business like food business, selling clothes, dry snacks, vegetable & fruits . Total numbers of 7 women's are being engaged in small business.



On occasion of Diwali festival these women got an opportunity to earn and establish their own identity, they have set up a stall which is organized by Bhopal Municipal corporation for the women's known as **“PURPLE POWER”**. It was a three days fair in which 5 women's set up an stall of Diwali





snacks, decorative diyas, decoration material required in Diwali, Rangoli, artificial Jewellery & make up products.

### **Help in mobility of young domestic workers & Students through setting up bicycle center within the community**

Due to limited facilities of transportation women's & girls faces to assess their workplace and they shared their problem with us and they soon their interest to learn two wheeler but again the issue to buying scooter, maintaining fuel expenses. We motive them to use bicycle & Sangini will help them to learn bicycle and we are providing them 3 at community where they will learn and use for their mobility. When this concept will success it will be continued.

## **OTHER WORK DONE BY SANGINI ON COVID**

### **Food relief work and linkages with the other sources**



Sangini has distributed cooked food and dry ration in 30 slum areas of Bhopal with the help of Bhopal Municipal Corporation, Deendayal Rasoi yojana scheme of the Indian government, government helpline number 181/104 and other stakeholders and civil society groups engaged in distribution work, a total of 2648 people and families got food facility

with the help of these groups.

A total number of 2213 of cooked food packets and 435 Dry Ration distributed to the neediest families in the various communities.



### **Survey of Covid-19 affected people**



We found that Elderly people, children, disable persons, pregnant women, women working as sweeper &



involved in garbage management (collection, segregation, disposal) ,Street vendors, Migrant labors & workers, Daily wages workers including men and women , Rag pickers, Domestic workers, Beggars, Adolescent and Young Girls who are totally dependent on others etc

Among the data collected during survey we have identified most needy women from various communities and categorized as elderly women's ,disable women's, pregnant women, women working as sweeper, Domestic workers , Adolescent and Young Girls who are totally dependent on others women. we have selected A total number 300 woman's to whom we are providing dry ration on monthly basis and cooked food through community kitchen on regularly for 6 months.

With these efforts we identify the young women's who are single, lost their jobs during Covid pandemic and facilitate them to run community kitchen for elderly and disable women living in their surroundings by the women for the women. We are supporting these women to start their own business.

### **Behavior Change and Awareness Campaign**



In the war against Covid-19 people are participating in the campaign #CoronaFreeMyHomeMyBhopal organized by Nagar Nigam, Bhopal. Under this campaign on the call of Nagar Nigam Bhopal, women from the community came forward to reduce the infection of corona virus by keeping their houses clean and maintain basic hygiene. Along with this Sangini's team has also

organized awareness programs at various communities regarding keeping their house clean and maintaining basic hygiene , As well as cleaning around the community ,drinking water source nearby their homes, maintaining social distance and also educate to wear masks. These awareness programs are organized daily with the community members since March 2020. A total number of 800 soaps have been distributed in various communities.



**ROKO-TOKO Abhiyan-** To fight against corona pandemic and to break the chain of covid-19 sangini with the collaboration of Nagar Nigam Bhopal participated in the awareness program named roko toko

abhiyan. In this program we are aware of them regarding the protective measures against corona virus such as wear mask and cover your face while going at public place if somebody not wearing the mask and covering their face we are distributing mask to the people and as penalty taking 11 rs , wash your hand with soap and water regularly, do not spit here and there, throw used tissues into closed bins immediately after use, Greet with a Namaste instead of hand shake, avoid social gathering, keep 6ft. distance from people, see a doctor if you feel unwell (fever, difficult breathing and cough) while visiting doctor wear a mask/ cloth to cover your mouth and nose, avoid going out from the house if not necessary, drink Luke water, kadha regularly. Through this campaign we were able to reach 5000 people and distributed a total number of 3300 masks in various communities.

### **Sangini campaign # साथीहाथबढ़ाना**



During the pandemic we are providing food, essential items required in day to day life, masks, soaps to the needy women who do not have any family's support and are jobless due to Covid 19 such as single mothers, pregnant women's, Destitute Elderly Women, disable and handicapped women's, domestic workers, daily wages workers, women working as sweeper & involved in garbage management (collection, segregation, disposal), Adolescent and Young Girls who totally dependent on others.

A program has been initiated by Sangini for needy women named “साथीहाथबढ़ाना” this program provides

food and other essentials to the women by the civil societies, individuals, and groups. First, we have identified and listed out the needy women who need immediate support. We figured out that it is difficult to distribute one month's food for an entire family in such a situation, rather we found that people are willing to provide relief for individuals. We have appealed that





one person contributes one month's meal for a woman who falls in the above category and for which we have made an estimated budget of about Rs.1000 for one person. If any person who wants to donate dry ration they can directly give it to the needy woman or they can give that amount to Sangini and we will give the ration to the women. We are also maintaining a record of woman, category wise so that people can select and give the food packet to them.

Till now over 30 women got food support by Mamta Malhar, Namrata Jain, Kavita Singh Chouhan, Saini madam, Rekha, Usha Kumar and other colleagues working in Sangini.

### **Collection of essentials for the migrant labors**

Sangini has collected first aid material, empty bottles, pair of 135 footwear, umbrellas, clean clothes to cover their face, dried fruits, packed food, dry snacks, water bottles, dry ration, biscuits and other essentials (from the resident of Krishna homes, Somya Homes Kolar, Jai Bhawani phase-2 society, Viceroy park society, opal avenue, opal residency, Akriti eco city) for the migrant laborers who are travelling from other states to their native places.



### **Distribution of Essentials to Migrant Labors**

Sangini team members distributed dry snacks, biscuits, footwear, water bottles etc. to 200 migrant labors who are going at their native place from Habibganj Railway Station at Bhopal.



### **Help for JAN DHAN Account**

Sangini's team has helped 15 people whose Jan Dhan accounts were closed. They have helped them with the documentation work and the process required for renewal of Jan Dhan account





as they were unable to get the relief amount given by the government of India.

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### **Menstrual Hygiene Day/ Regular distribution of sanitary napkins**

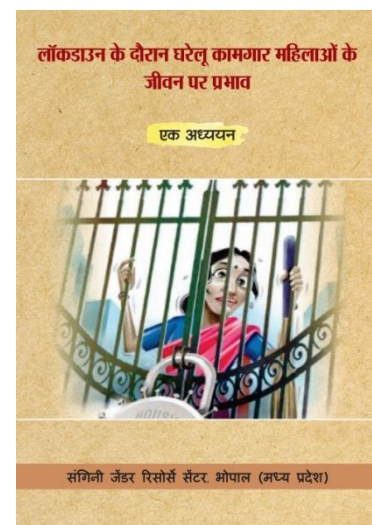


Menstrual Hygiene Day is an annual awareness day which highlights the importance of good menstrual hygiene management. On this day Sangini has organized discussion with the women and girls in various communities of Bhopal. The motive behind the discussion is to break the taboo regarding menstruation and raise awareness of the importance

of good menstrual hygiene. With this motive, we have also discussed about maintaining cleanliness during the menstrual days, importance of using sanitary napkins instead of using cloth, myths and taboos related to menstruation in which girls shared how they are discriminated and treated during their periods. Sangini is continuously distributing sanitary napkins to women's & girls in the community.

### **Study on “Impact of lockdown on domestic workers”**

Domestic workers have been facing financial, physical and Psychological challenges after losing their jobs in the lockdown. Sangini has conducted survey of the domestic workers in various communities. The purpose of the survey is to know impact of lockdown on domestic workers, How lockdown affected the job of domestic woman workers, What are the challenges they have been facing, particularly, economic,



physical and mental, Resuming work after lockdown and behavior, increase in violence with them The domestic workers who returned to their jobs have to face physical violence not only at workplace but at home , Did they get government aid during the lockdown and what are the challenges they faced in securing this aid, What are their future plans.

A total number of 2733 domestic workers were interviewed. The study shows that 70 % women lost their jobs, just after March 24 when first lockdown imposed 83.9 percent workers lost their jobs in March, 5 percent in April and 1.1 percent in May. Only 29.6 percent workers out of the total who lost their jobs received payments of lockdown period. Moreover only 70 percent received full payment while 30 percent got part payment. After the lockdown only 27.4 percent domestic workers were called back to jobs were treated like untouchables; families accost them and not talk to them properly. They gave feeling as Covid careers to them.

The analysis clearly shows that the Covid-19 and the lockdown have badly affected the lives of domestic workers. It would take several years to come out of this situation. Strategic approach is required to help them. Immediate financial help is required for them which could be started together. In this regards Sangini have started the helpline to support domestic workers; we also supported domestic workers to get new jobs and negotiated with their employers.



### **Webinar on challenges of domestic workers during Covid situation**

A State Level webinar conducted with domestic workers, RWA, Employers, NGOs and Nagar Nigam Officials. In this Webinar Ms Madhubala from Jagori, Meva Bharti from Kamgar Mahila Union Rajasthan, Prarthna Mishra from Sangini and Bhopal Municipal corporation officials address as resource Persons. During the meeting domestic workers shared their problems & issues they are facing at their workplace. As resource persons also share their initiatives taken

to support these domestic workers.

### **Study on “Impact of Covid-19 on women working in formal Sector**

During lock-down everything was closed at each and every sector all of sudden for three months which causes the huge problem in each and every sector. And most of the work sites, companies, institutions were scrutinized their staff or closed their unit. These situations affect the day to day life of all citizens but as usual due to patriarchal thinking - In one hand women are being more sufferer inside the family as well as at her working place. In other hand when any institution or office or any type of work place decide to cut off their staff, first of all they cut the female workers generally. When number of women becomes least in and work place then risk of sexual harassment or situation of Quid and Pro can be increased.

In light of this situation Sangini has conducted survey on “Impact of Covid-19 on women working in formal Sector” in various formal sectors such as School/collage, Hospital /clinic, Bank (Private), Factory / Industry, Mall, Coaching center, Beauty Parlor, Hotels , Gym, Boutique, Computer Center, Non government Organizations, Shops, Running Tiffin center, Advocates /lawyers, Placement Agency, Running private Tuition, Working in court, Security agency, Marketing Agencies, Petrol Pump, News Paper, Dairy, Art sector ( theater/ TV/film ) , CA Firms, Poultry Farm, Transport/ public transport sector, Plant nursery, Catering services, Hostel, Contractual Safai karmchari. A Total number of 1000 were interviewed from above given categories.