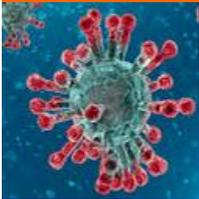


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Joint corona relief work of the government and voluntary organization

Joint initiative of voluntary organization and district administration can play a vital role in providing food materials to needy and destitute families among the marginalized community to protect them from difficulties in lockdown period. Ran Singh Parmar, National President of Ekta Parishad, who is coordinating the relief work of organization at national level, pointed out the emergency need of providing food support to destitute families, who have lost their wages due to the lockdown; through limited resources of organization.

In this conjunction, a *team of MGSA had a meeting with the district collector of Morena* and shared the grievances of destitute and marginalized community of Pahadgarh block, where most of the families belongs to the Sahariya tribe (a most backward schedule tribe in India) and expressed to help them in limited resource of the organization. The district collector expressed her concern and agreed for joint initiative with MGSA and Ekta Parishad in providing food materials to 10000 needy and poor families of Morena.

On 6th of May, MGSA and Ekta Parishad as well as the district administration jointly brought their food materials to Kanhar and Dhobani and the district collector along with the senior activist of Ekta Parishad Udaibhan Singh and Prafull Shrivastawa distributed food materials to 153 families in Dhobani and 257 families in Kanhar village among dalits and schedule tribe. District administration had shared flour 5 kg, rice 1 kg, soap 1 pcs, while pulse 1 kg, edible mustard oil 1 kg, salt 1 kg, spices and masks were shared by MGSA in food materials. After the distribution of the materials, district collector also discussed with the villagers and the representative of local governance about the requirement and future plan of work. Villagers raised the issue of jobs, drinking water and electricity. District collec-



Meeting in the district collector, Morena

tor directed to concern officials for necessary action and she asked to head of the Panchayat to submit plan to start MNREGA work in the village.

SDM (Sub divisional magistrate) Neeraj Sharma, CEO of Pahadgarh block and other officials on behalf of the district administration and Udaybhan Singh Parihar from Ekta Parishad, Kuldeep Tiwari and Prafulla Srivastava from Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram, Sanjay Jadaun, Krishna, Naresh, Hariom, Dongar play important role in collecting the food materials and distribu-



District collector Morena Mrs. Priyanka Das distributing food

tion.

The national president stated the problem of agriculture laborers and migrant stranded in outside their state and now they have return to their village. He said that the administration and voluntary organization should make joint initiative to provide food materials to marginalize in this disaster of Corona. Families dependent on farm wages could not earn money due to the lockdown period, which is resulted lack of money and grain for their survival. Although, the government has distributed the ration under the PDS, but there are other requirements for the family's food along with the ration such as oil, lentils, vegetables, salt, spices also which is not provided by the government. Therefore there is need of joint action in relief work so that together they can identify the right beneficiaries and help them. (Source: Kuldeep Tiwari)

National campaign for nutrition of children trapped in lockdown



Madhya Pradesh

Sheopur: The dark and gloomy picture of the Sheopur district was malnutrition among Sahariya tribal children before two year back. Mahatma Gandhi Seva Ashram and Integrated Child & Women department jointly have put in a lot of efforts to change this scenario which has a good impact too. But still about 40000 children out of 100 thousands children enrolled in ICDS program have less weight than the average weight. More than 1 lakh children are enrolled are registered in the ICDS program in Sheopur. We can safely say that 40% children in Sheopur district are malnourished. Most of them went with their parents outside the district and state, as their parents are migrant agricultural labourer who stranded there. The children who went with their parents could not get nutrition meals as a result they have become poor in health and close to malnutrition.

2000 families are provided nutritious food with 1 kg of Sattu (flour of fried gram) and half a kg jaggery.

More than 18 thousands Sahariya tribal families were migrated to Rajsthan with their about 5000 children, which were came back to their villages after a long advocacy efforts of Ekta Parishad, the government finally helped to bring these labourers home. By now, around 90% of the migrants have come back home. But the 21 days of the first lockdown have a huge impact on the health and nutrition of those 5000 children. Ekta Parishad along with MGSA identified the need of nutritious food for children to maintain the nutritious requirement in their body.

Among those, about 40000 children weigh less than the average weight. The major challenge here is how to get these children out of it, as per the guidelines of UNICEF. There are many programs running by the government that cater to the skill building of ICDS workers, identification of the nutritional needs, nutritious meal for children etc because there is nothing in their house to feed them because their parents could not earned money due to lock down in Corona pandemic. Whatever little they had,

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got spends in buying food for a couple of weeks.

Ekta Parishad has launched a campaign to fight mal-nourishment under which 4000 children will be provided with nutritious food for 2 month in the Sheopur district. In the first phase, 2000 families are provided with 1 kg of Sattu (flour of fried gram) and half a kg jaggery. In continuation of that, in phase two, children will be provided with nutritious food to restore their health. Mahatma Gandhi Sewa Ashram is working on a project called "Nutrition Prosperous" in Karahal block of Sheopur, under which not only nutritious food is being distributed but also mothers are being trained on the quantity and form of food to be provided. After a week, activist will monitor to evaluate the changes after the use of "Sattu and Gud" (fried flour of Gram and Jaggery). It should be known that MGSA has been trained about 1.5 lakhs frontline workers of ICDS and women on child nutrition under joint initiative with the government. (Source: Jai Singh/Translated by: Shalini Singh)



Letter to the Chief Minister of Rajsthan to provide transport to migrant laborers

Sheopur. The government of Rajsthan provided bus facilities to 500 migrant laborer of Sheopur, Shivpuri and other parts of Madhya Pradesh. 800 migrant laborer of Madhya Pradesh started foot march in hot season with women and children after the waiting for bus since last 3 days. Jai Singh Jadon of Ekta Parishad wrote a letter to the Chief Minister of Rajsthan to provide transport facility to migrant labor till the border of Rajsthan at Pali near Swai Madhopur and take care of the migrant laborers.

Migrant laborers hired private bus and reached Sheopur

Sheopur. The migrant laborers stranded in Jaishalmer, came to Sheopur by hiring private buses and paid Rs. 1000 for each laborer's travel because the government of Rajsthan did not provided bus facilities to them. While earlier they provided transport. Ekta Parishad's activist Jai Singh talked with the district administration to provide the food packet and transport facility to send their villages.

Migrant laborers arrived on 3rd of May at night by 11 buses at the border of Rajsthan close to Sheopur, where district administration provided food packets to the laborers and transport facility to bring them their respective villages. (Source: Jai Singh Jadon)

Migrant laborers are stranded in Rajsthan

Sheopur. The migrant laborers from Chhatarpur and Jhansi are still stranded in Rajsthan because the government did not provide them transport facilities.

Jai Singh Bhai coordinator of migrant workers rights in Ekta Parishad updated that the 34 from Jhansi and 30 from Chhatarpur are still there and seeking transport facility.

On 9th morning they started food march to come back their home but police stopped them. They immediately need food and transportation. Today, they applied for transportation to the government.

Demanded job in MNREGA in 10 Panchayat



Gwalior: Gradually, migrant laborers are reaching their villages and following the guidelines of the government. Most of the families are getting the benefit of the relief schemes of the government except few destitute and needy families. One problem which still stands before the deprived sections of the society is the problem of hunger. The laborers who had migrated for work and they had to stop their work due to Corona and they had returned their village with empty hand. Now if they will not get work in forthcoming days in the villages, then they will have to face hunger. In this situation, Ekta Parishad approached to community member with door-to-door in the villages to know

whether the people are ready to work or not and prepared list in each villages. So far, a list of 596 people has been given in 10 panchayats asking for employment under MNREGA. (Source: Gajendra/ Dongar Sharma)

Helplessness of destitute families for single time meals in Sagar

Sagar: Destitute family especially old age and widow women are helpless to manage the single time meals in Sagar district of Madhya Pradesh. During a survey to identified destitute for relief work in Malthon Tehsil found that some old age son who are stranded in helpless. Jhandu bai, tribal (old age persons) told that their sons went stranded there due to are bother about to meals, as they have widow and mother of facing problem for food



depends on daily agricul- women Beni Bai of Pithoriya village told that her son went to other places and sent money regularly for her expense but last two month he could not send money as a result she is facing problems to manage meals for single time. Ekta Parishad's activist Deepak told that he had organized village to village survey and prepared a list of 53 destitute women and men, who has similar sto-

of Sagar, Ekta Parishad women having only one Gujrat and Indore are Rampyari and Komal in Jhujharpura village to Ujjain for wages and the lockdown, now they manage single time nothing at home. A differently able son is as her livelihood detural wages. Another



Jai Jagat community kitchen for Corona worriers

Bhopal: Ekta Parishad is providing 3 times meals at Bhopal office through Jai Jagat community kitchen to Corona worriers like police, doctors, front line worriers, and other destitute person.

Also, food materials distributed among 7 needy families.

Ekta Parishad provided food materials packets to migrant laborers



Guna: The migrant laborers stranded in different states arrived in their villages recently after the huge loss of wages and expense occurred due to the lockdown. They are now in the pitiable situation. Ekta Parishad provided food materials 10 kg flour and 1 kg lentils to each 35 families of Nonera, 45 families of Bagheri, 20 families of Khutyari and 35 families of Muhal colony.

The district coordinator of Ekta Parishad, Guna Suraj stated

that the 220 migrant laborer of 21 villages of Bamhori block of Guna were provided food materials for 15 days to fulfill the gap of accessing the ration from the government PDS. All these laborers were stranded in Rajasthan. Ekta Parishad has asked to the government to provide them relief amount as well as ration through PDS, as there is nothing to eat in their house. If ration will distribute among them then remain 25% families will be missed to ac-

cess because they have no ration card. Even the state government has announced to provide ration to those families who have no ration card, while they were not provided any support from the government. Therefore it was the need of hour to support them in crucial time of pandemic corona covid-19. All these migrant laborers were registered earlier through online collection of data relating migrant laborer of Ekta Parishad. (Source: Dongar Sharma/ Jonu)

Migrant laborers of Kishanpur village got food items



Shivpuri: Ekta Parishad provided food materials to more than 54 laborers returned earlier from migration and they were registered in online data of migration by Ekta Parishad.

They had no food and money to manage two times meals for their families in Kishanpura village of Shivpuri.

Migrant laborers came from Karnataka spend 65 thousands

Shivpuri: A group of 13 migrant laborers of Shivpuri stranded in Karnataka arrived their village after hiring a private bus in Rs. 65000. After medical checkup and 14 days quarantine at home.

A memorandum of Ekta Parishad activated the Administration



Damoh: People's from deprived community gave a memorandum to SDM Damoh to provide food and jobs on the occasion of International Labour Day. SDM Ravindra Choukase assured them to help.

As a result on 5th of May, Tehsildar (A revenue officer) reached to ward no. 4 and provided food materials flour, pulses, edible oil, salt, spices and soap to each 24 families. According to State coordinator of the Ekta Parishad Sujat Khan "women from schedule cast in ward no. 4 of Damoh are facing problems in food due to the loss of daily wages in

lockdown period. Government could not provide them any relief as a result they are in very difficult situation. He demanded to administration to provide relief to them. Mahesh Rani, Hira Bai, Kiran Bai and others women were present at SDM office maintaining the social distance. (Source: Sujat Khan)

Cooked food to migrant laborer on the national highway



Katni: MJVS provided food packet to more than 50 laborers who were foot marching on the road on Katni to Shahdol at Tol plaza on highway. Most of the marcher are from Bilaspur. They will reach their home by foot in 15 to 20 days. (Source:Nirbhay Singh)

9 migrant labor quarantined in Kathar of Umaria

Manpur: 9 migrant laborers came from Hyderabad on 10th of May, they were examined by the health department and quarantined in school for 14 days.

50 poor families got food materials in Satna



Satna: Ekta Parishad jointly with Navarachana Samaj Sevi Sansthan Jabalpur and Ekta Foundation trust provided food materials to 50 destitute families of 3 colony of Kakara village in Satna district.

There was 5 kg flour, 5 kg rice, 1 kg pulses, half liter edible oil, 1 kg salt, a packet of turmeric and soap in the kit. Also community awaked about the prevention from Corona and social distancing. Santosh Singh, Sunny Singh, Eri Charsiya, Dular, Rawendra shing persent there is distribution. (Source: Santosh Singh)

Dry ration to destitute families



Dhar: Ekta Parishad identified the needy and destitute family among Bhilala tribal to provide them food materials in Dhar district and provided dry ration (flour, pulses, edible oil, chili, turmeric, salt, sugar and tea) and also distributed them masks in Badiya village of Gandhwani block of Dhar. (Source: Prasna Barik)

Jhabua: Ekta Parishad provided food materials and grocery items to 18 destitute familie of 9 vilages in Rama block of Jhabua district. (Source: Rama Barik)

Migrant laborers marching from Mumbai get food and transport



Dhar: A group of migrant laborers of Rewa district were marching from Mumbai were provided food by the president of Block Panchayat in Dahi after that district administration provided them a bus to transport them to their village. Also, the CEO of District Panchayat arrange transport to bring some other migrant laborer, who were 50 km away from the Dahi, but they were also belong to Rewa. Migrant laborer thank to everyone.

UTTAR PRADESH

220 migrant laborer got food materials and masks



Jhansi: Ekta Parishad provided food materials to 220 families of Sukuwa koti, Naya Kheda, Shekhapura, Badera, Tapariyan, Richhariya and Dhamkan village in Jahnsi. Each families got 10 kg flour and 1 kg pulses.

All these laborers were migrated to other states and recently they have reached to their village with empty hand.

In Lalitpur district, 250 mask distributed among the Sahariya tribal families.

(Source: Siyaram Sahariya)



MNREGA boosting work and water conservation in the village

Raipur: Earlier Ekta Parishad has demanded to the government to provide jobs under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act to job card holder in rural area. After the lockdown period peoples have no jobs and wages, those who stranded in other states or places rather than their village have been returned to villages. At local level only MNREGA is option to provide jobs in rural areas. MNREGA work has been started in many villages and Ekta Parishad monitoring the guidelines of in MNREGA.

MNREGA work is focusing such as pond deepening arupr village of Kondagaon Daya Lal Sahoo got the 4 rights, land leveling work is Gariaband. Another pond Khorasi village of Raipur, working. 25 in Jajagi, 25 in Kotami village are working Udaipur block of Sarguja.



on conservation of water work is progress in Shank-district. Community leader acre of land in forest being done on that land in deepening work is going in where 108 laborers are Rikshi and 29 laborers in in pond construction in MNREGA work is providing

job to 11 job card holders in Maheshpur village in land leveling. Pond deepening work has been started under MNREGA in Lakhantola panchayat. Activist of Ekta Parishad visit the site of MNREGA work in Sajapani village of Jashpur and Podiuproda village of Korba and talked with the workers and awaked them to maintain social distance and using mask.

Ekta Parishad encouraging people through distributing mask at work place and awaking laborers to maintain social distance at the time of work for prevention from Corona. (Source: Meena, Prashant, Raghubir Das)

Facilitation to access the money from Bank



Sarguja: Ekta Parishad facilitated to women to access the relief amount from the bank. The government has provided Rs. 500 to each account holders of Jan Dhan Bank Account. Women have got recently this amount and they have to walk 5 kilometer to with drawn the money from the bank. Activists called the Bank's Friends to the village and women got their amount. (Source: Raghubir Das)

PSSS and Ekta Parishad served food materials to family of migrant laborers



Raipur: The migrant laborers of Chhattisgarh stranded outside are unable to send money to their dependents families due to the lockdown period. The finance situation of the family member living at home is becoming more difficult. The Prayog Samaj Sevi Sansthan has taken initiative to provide food materials to the victims of stranded laborer's family in this situation.



The head of the Panchayat Bhursuda had prepared the list of destitute and needy families in the villages and shared with the Ekta Parishad, then Prayog Samaj Sevi Sansthan distributed the food materials and soap, where Sarpanch, ward member, Kotwar and the president of PSSS Sitram Sonwani and worker Ramesh Yadu presence there. They follow the guidelines of the lockdown during the distribution of ration. Also, Ekta Parishad facilitated with head of the Panchayat to distribute 5 kg rice and half kg pulses to destitute families in Sonari village of Korba district. Masks were distributed among 20 families of Rikhi village of Udaipur block of Sarguja district. (Source: Sitaram/ Raghubir das)

JHARKHAND



Now, 30 families in Giridih have food items for meals

Giridih: Ekta Parishad provided food materials 10 kg rice, 2 kg pulses, 2 kg potato, salt to each 50 needy families in Ataka village of Bagodar block of Giridih district and also community were informed to maintain social distance for safety from Corona.

(Source: Ramswaroop)

BIHAR

Distributed grain, vegetables and soap to Mushar community



Patna: Ekta Parishad distributed soap to each 350 households of Musahar slum area in Patna and found that they are living close to starvation.

The widow women's conditions are very pitiable especially those who have not ration card.

They did not received any ration from the government PDS. On 1st of May , Ekta Parishad provided food materials 2 kg rice, half kg pulses, 1 kg potato with salt to each 45 destitute families of widow or old age persons.

(Source: Manju Dungdung)

Corona relief: 30 destitute families got food materials in Gaya



Gaya: The dependents of migrant laborers are in difficult situation because their sons/ husband stranded in other places and they could not sent money since last two months to their family because of the lockdown.

The families who don't have ration card to access the government PDS's ration, they are in still trouble. In this situation, Ekta Parishad/ MGSA distributed food materials rice, pulses, edible oil, potato, salt and

other spices to 30 destitute families of Phoolganj village of Dumarchatti Panchayat of Fatehpur block of Gaya in the presence of Block development officer, also social distance maintained during the distribution. (Source: Shatrughan)

MANIPUR

Verification of job card for MNREGA

Manipur: Ekta Parishad facilitated to the job card holders in verification of job card and bank pass book in Maharabi village of West Imphal district.

The Ekta Parishad has raised the issue to provide the jobs under MNREGA.

(Source: Rishikant Aribam)



Destitute families in Odisha got food materials



Khurda. Ekta Parishad distributed ration to destitute families of Balikania, Mandar, Kandulasahi, Mahualsahi, B-berbera, D-Berbera, Kadmjhola, Burusahi villages of Berbera Panchayat and Khuntapalli, Jualiamba, Silingpada, Beguniasahi, Dolagobinda, Nuasahi, Mudulidiha, Bighanpur, Khariapalli and Punjaiama village of Niladriprasad Panchayat of Banpur block of Khurda district. Some migrant laborer families of Karandabara village of Gudighat and Muniguda village of Bolangir district were provided ration. Also in Krushnapur village food materials distributed with the help of head of the villages. (Source: Sneha/ Bijoy)



Panchayat and CSOs provided jointly food items

Bolangir: Ekta Parishad distributed food materials to 30 destitute women, widow and old age person of Gudighat, Malisira and Dadhiapadar Haldi Gram Panchayat with the help of Panchayat representative, Bana o Bana gram Vikas committee in the presence of Mithila Majhi, Angad Naib, Tkeman Majhi and Panu, Rama and Ekta Parishad district coordinator Dilip Bhoi.

MNREGA work started in Sagargaon

MNREGA work has been started in Sagargaon village, where recently Ekta Parishad filed application to start MNREGA to provide jobs to ST community affected by Corona Covid-19 pandemic. Also district coordinator of Ekta Parishad distributed mask at work place and awaked the laborers to maintain social distance in Sagargaon of Bolgarh block of Khurda.

Awareness in Kendua

Nayagarh: Ekta Parishad organized door to door demonstration about the hand wash and make aware the community about the hygiene, sanitation and social distancing.



ASSAM



Food materials served in Assam

Assam: Ekta Parishad distributed dry food like rice, pulses, potato, salt among 50 migrants families of Ratanpur, Panikhaiti, Bitutari, Gumi, Sapaortari, South Pantan panchayat of Chhayagaon and Rampur block of Karmrup district. 28 migrant laborer's families were provided food materials in Dirak, Amguri, Chumoni, Laina, Khatowa village of Tinsukia district. In Demaji district, Also 43 families of 4 villages provided food materials in Bhebeli and Bardolini village Panchayat. According to Dimbeshwar Nath, all these migrant laborers were selected on the basis of their economic situation and they have returned recently from other places. Social distance maintained at the time of distribution.(Source: Nayan Tara)

NYP youths in Covid-19 response



Food for Cows in Telngana

Telngana: National Youth Project unit Telngana provided green vegetable and grass to several cows in cowshed with the support of Mahalaxmi Book Depo. Another place NYP distributed vegetables to poor and needy women also.

(Source: K. Yadav Raju)

Blood donation in Delhi

A senior fellow of NYP Lamkoti ji donated his blood on the day of International Red Cross Day at Delhi.

(Source: Dharmendra)



Food materials to 100 families in Manipur

A fellow of National youth project in Manipur distributed food materials to 100 families with the help of his NRI son in America.

(Source: Dharmendra)

⇒ NYP unit Chhattisgarh and Navjanjyoti organization jointly distributed mask in Surguja district. NYP awaking people on prevention from Corona.

⇒ NYP, unit Betul provided green grass to cow and grains for birds in the city .

How can you help the working class / laborers in getting their prescribed rights?



Many laws and policies have been enacted to protect the interests of the working class / workers in India, but its actual implementation has remained incomplete till now. The associates of Ekta Parishad and other organizations should come forward for the rights of the working class / workers through these laws, policies and labor institutions.

- Try to get the prescribed minimum wages to the working class / workers in your area.
- Wherever there are child laborers / laborers, must inform the labor officer about it.
- Registration of migrant labor / workers must be done at the level of local labor officer. It is the responsibility of the government to ensure the protective measures prescribed on the basis of this registration.
- If you get information about the bonded laborer anywhere in the area, cooperate with the local administration to get them free and rehabilitated.
- Work has started under MNREGA in many states. You should start working with MNREGA in your area by meeting the concerned officials. In fact, meaningful use of MNREGA should be more for the construction of ponds / ponds / canals / wells and small water conservation structures. You can encourage this work.
- In every state, schemes are run for workers / laborers of agriculture, construction and industry sectors. We should work so that information reaches the people concerned.
- Many states have separate courts for disputes related to the work of the working class / workers. We should help the affected class through appropriate lawyers for related matters.

Together with the above simple methods, we can all help the working class / workers individually and organizationally.

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