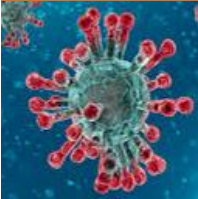


CORONA COVID 19 RESPONSES BY



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UPDATE 14

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Gwalior/India

Construction of well through community collective in food for the work



Shivpuri @ Kuldeep :

A well constructed in Kotra-Kotari village of Shivpuri for water conservation and provided jobs to 72 men and women for 3 days. This well is very important for the community, where there is no hand pump for drinking water and community have to fetch water from natural drain, 3 kilometer away from the villages. Now they will have water for their lives.

There are 38 tribal households in the village and every household migrate in search of job, 7 men were stranded in Bangluru during the lockdown period and 25 men and women were stranded in Morena and Bhind who went for agriculture wages. Dhunya is panchayat of Kotara Kotari situated 6 km away from the village, most of the families had possession over the forest land since last 30 years, based on this they had applied for the rights in Forest Rights Act but still they are waiting for rights.

Each labor was provided food materials of 15 days food and grain. All the campers were awaked about to maintain the social distance and hand wash for prevention from Corona.

District coordinator of the Ekta Parishad Ramprakash Sharma told that all these workers migrated to other places for wages in crop harvesting period and could not get work and money due to the lockdown. Now, there is no any employment in rural area that they can get jobs in their villages.



Recently, the National President of the Ekta Parishad Ran Singh Parmar visited the village and encouraged the community for their collective work regarding construction of well.

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MADHYA PRADESH

District collector flag off to Corona awareness chariot



Sheopur @ Jai Singh Jadoun:

The district collector of Sheopur flag off to Corona awareness and nutritious powder distributor chariot of the Ekta Parishad and MGSA in Karahal. On this occasion, he stated that the Corona infection is increasing rapidly since the interception because of the lack of awareness among people about this epidemic. The district collector R.K. Shrivastav praised this initiative of Ashram and told that people will be made aware to use mask, maintain social distancing and hand wash with soap to protect them from Corona disease through chariot of MGSA. MGSA will also distribute dry flour of roasted gram and jaggery to the children for the nutrition requirement. Jai Singh Jadon of the Ekta Parishad told that chariot has target to reach 5000 children in 50 villages of tribal block Karahal in Sheopur.

Nutrition powder with jaggery distributed among 100 families



Sheopur @ Jai Singh Jadon: The Ekta Parishad distributed 1 kg of flour of dried gram and 400 gram jaggery to each 100 children and 15 old age persons of Chapret, Nayagaon, Tinapura,

Chhoti, Pipalbawadi and Khajuri village of Vijaypur block of Sheopur.

Shramdan camp concluded after the distribution of dignity kit to community



Shoeopur @ Ravindra Saxena: Pond deepening work completed during the 3 days Shramdan Camp organized by the Ekta Parishad and Prayog organization in Gunnipura village of Vijaypur block of Sheopur.

The camp was started on 11th June and concluded on 13th of June with the distribution of dignity kit to each labors. 61 families worked during the camp for 3 days and worked for water conservation.

Regional coordinator of the Ekta Parishad told that all these families had accessed the forest land rights on 182 acres of land under the land rights campaign of the Ekta Parishad.

After the pond deepening work, water will be available for the irrigation and it will help to increase the crop production.

60 labors got job in MNREGA



Shahdol @ Ramprakash: MNREGA work in Devari village has been started, where 60 job card holder are working for pond deepening. Recently, villagers had filed the application demanding for jobs.

Pond deepening work completed in Shahdol

Shahdol @ Ramprakash: The Ekta Parishad organized a camp in Banchachar village of Jaisinghnagar block of Shahdol for the water conservation in food for the work program.

Work for water conservation started in Seoni



Seoni @ Sukhram Dhurve: The work for water conservation started under the food for the work program with the support of Prayog organization in Khere tola of Ghoghari Nagan Panchayat of Lakhnadoun block in Seoni under the guidance of Sukharam Dhurve and Kailash Uike.

Land leveling completed in Damoh



Damoh @ Sujat Khan: The Ekta Parishad organized 3 days camp in Udaipura village of Bachhama panchayat of Hata block of Damoh, where

camper did land leveling and farm binding work for water conservation under the food for the work program. At the end of the camp, 27 campers were given one week food materials and masks in dignity kit. They were awaked about the preventive approach from Corona. State coordinator Sujat Khan facilitated the community for work and distributed food materials.

Shramdan camp for water and environment conservation



Sagar @ Deepak Agrawal: A 3 days shramdan camp organized by the Ekta Parishad to help the destitute tribal families and promote the water and environment conservation work in Pithoriya village of Sagar district. District coordinator Deepak told that this work was initiated in Pithoriya village where camper cleaned the silt from canal and planted more than 200 trees, where peoples from 4 villages worked. At the end of the camp, the entire campers (labor) were provided Dignity kit including food materials, mask and soap.

Stop dam constructed in Vidisha



Vidisha @ Deepak Agrawal: A small stop dam constructed under the food for the work program supported by the Prayog, Tilda organization in Lamanya village of Ganjbasoda tehsil of Vidisha district during the 3 days camp organized by the Ekta Parishad.

At the end of the Shramdan camp, campers were provided a food material kit. Entire campers were belonging to Sahariya tribal, who are facing tremendous problems regarding the managing meals for two times, there are no any other source for livelihood.

Food materials to destitute families



Sehore @ Rakesh Ratan Singh: The Ekta Parishad distributed food materials kit to the migrant labor and destitute tribal families and women in Semari, Khatpura and Bori village of Budni block of Sehore district. Block President of Ekta Parishad Mansoor Bhilala, Shakila Bano of Ekta Mahila Manch and district coordinator Rakesh Ratan distributed the ration kit. Rakesh Ratan told that it was fourth round of relief work in Budni to provide support to destitute families of tribal community.

Fasting for the justice with workers and farmers



Bhopal @ Nirbhay Singh: One day fasting organized by the Gandhian collective in Gandhi Bhawan Bhopal. Eight activist including Aneesh Thelinkerry of Ekta Parishad, Kumud Singh of Sarokar Sansthan, Senior journalist Sunil Gupta, young activist Yashaswi Singh and founder of Ansh happiness society Mohsin Bhai and secretary of Gandhi Bhawan Dayaram Namdev were participated in this fasting.

World day against Child labor meetings organized



Dhar @ Prasanna: The Ekta Parishad and MGSA organized community meetings in 10 villages of Kukshi and Manawar block of Dhar district to awake the community on child labor issue. According to Prasanna, the coordinator of the program "objective of these program were to highlight the issue of child labor engaged in cotton farming and community awareness against child labor and provide them education.

Nursery for lentils crops in Damoh



Damoh @ Ghanshyam: Nursery of lentils prepared in Tendukheda block of Damoh to distribute the plants of lentils (pulses) among tribal by MJVS and the Ekta Parishad.

CHHATTISGARH

Pond deepening work completed in 3 villages



Jashpur @ Ambika Devi: The Ekta Parishad initiated water conservation work under the food for the work program helped by the Prayog organization in 3 different villages Khutera, Sonarpahari and Chingrapanthar of Jashpur district, Where migrant labors, who returned from other places to their native village worked for 3 days for the water conservation and the Ekta Parishad provided them dignity food materials. In the beginning of the work, community leader worships the nature through offering coconut (a traditional way of worship among the tribal community) and prayed for the well being of the villagers as well as the world.

Pond deepening and cleaning took place in Surajpur



Surajpur @ Basanti Yadav: A camp for water conservation under the corona relief

work program supported by the Prayog organization completed in Sarayipara and Badrika Ashram village of Ramanujnagar block of Surajpur district in Chhattisgarh.

The camp in Sarayipara was inaugurated by the head of the Panchayat Dharmjeet and other community leaders with the worship of nature. Both camp was started on 8th of June and completed on 12th of June, where the Ekta Parishad provided food materials in dignity kit to the laborers. It was promoted the community collective among the villagers.

Earthen road and pond reconstructed in 3 villages of Gariaband



Gariaband @ Nurani Jain: Shramdan Camp (Donation of manual labor camp) organized in 2 different villages name Dantbay Bhainsadadar and Dumarbahara Kodopali of Gariaband district to provide the jobs to migrant labor and water conservation. Community member had deepen ponds and reconstructed approach road to the village.

Member of Zila Panchayat Firatu Ram Kanwar and Block member Shivram along with head of the Panchayat Mahesh Markam inaugurated the camp in Bhainsadadar.

At the end of the camp, entire campers got the food materials in dignity kit provided by the Nurani Jain, district coordinator of the Ekta Parishad.

Canal repaired and pond deepen in Bhursuda of Raipur



Raipur @ Meena Behan: Community members including migrant labors and destitute families had deepened the pond and repaired the canal structure in Bhursuda and Gujara village of Raipur during the camp organized by the Ekta Parishad and Prayog Samaj Sevi Sansthan Tilda. It was provided jobs to migrant labor and poorest families in the villages. The camp was inaugurated by the head of the Panchayat Shushila Sahoo, the secretary Shivkumar verm, activists Meena, Gokaran and Ramesh Yadu with the worship of nature and earth on 11th of June and concluded on 14th of June. At the end of the camp, 200 plants of different variety of trees planted by the campers. The Prayog organization distributed them food materials kit.

Food for the work program for water conservation



Koriya @ Rajendra Chandel: Two Shramdan camps were organized in Tartora and Jolagi village of Koriya district, where camper had

deepen the ponds under the food for the work program of the Ekta Parishad. Both camp was started on 7th and 8th of June and completed on 11th and 12th of June. Entire campers received the food materials kit from the Prayog organization.

Pond deepening work in Khairatkala



Mahasamund @ Hanumant Nag: Pond deepening work carried out in Khairatkala village of Mahasamund with community member in camp organized by the Ekta Parishad under the food for the work program.

Water conservation work in 3 places in Rajnandgaon



Rajanandgaon @ Mohammad Khan: The Ekta Parishad organized Shramdan camp for water conservation under food for the program in 3 villages name Tendutola, Poyapara and Gubiyagarh. Campers (migrant labor, poor and destitute) had deepened the pond in every village for the conservation of water. Each camper was provided food material kits for their manual work.

ODISHA

Shramdan for water conservation in Jajpur



Jajpur : A shramdan camp organized in Chhotraypur of Korai block of Jajpur district of Odisha by the Ekta Parishad for water conservation.

Earthen road constructed in Kalahandi



Kalahandi @ Saroj Bag: A shramdan camp organized to provide dignity food under the food for the work program initiated by the Ekta Parishad in Palsapadar village of Kalahandi district in Odisha.

Campers offered their manual work to build the approach road to connect village and patched with the stone. After the 3 days of camp 30 camper were provided food materials by the Prayog organization. Also campers awaked about the preventive approach

from Corona.

Water conservation work through Shramdan camp in Khurda



Khurada @ Sneha: The Ekta Parishad organized 3 days camp for water conservation under the food for the work program in Bolagarh village of Khurda district.

Well cleaned in Kalang village of Kandhmal

Kandhmal @ Bibinika Pradhan: A shramdan camp for promoting community collective and water conservation organized in Kalang village of Madaguda panchayat of Kandhmal district.

Community members cleaned the well under the food for the work program of the Ekta Parishad.

Shramdan in Girinda village



Nayagarh: Shramdan camps organized in Girinda village of Nayagarh for water conservation and provided food materials to the migrant labor and destitute families.

ASSAM



Plantation of Elephant grass to check soil erosion in Assam

Kamrup Rural @ Dimbeshwar Nath: A three days camp for plantation of elephant grass through shramdan organized by the Ekta Parishad on the bank of Brahmaputra river at Ambari village of Gumi panchayat of Chhaygaon

block of Kamrup rural district. There were 60 villagers and migrant labors from Ambari, Mollatari and Kandulimari and Panikhaiti village engaged and planted the elephant grass. There are soil erosion problem due to the flow of Brahmaputra river as a result villagers are facing the flood and water logging problem.

MANIPUR

Shramdan for land leveling in Manipur



Toubal @ Rishikant: The Ekta Parishad organized a land leveling camp under the food for the work program of MGSA in Langathel village of Toubal district.

Women members of the community worked in the camp and did the manual work for the land leveling, which will be helpful to increase the crop production.

MGSA provided food materials kit to each woman. Also, women awaked about the preventive approach from Corona virus.

JHARKHAND

Natural channel of water flow cleaned



Palamu @ Saraju : A natural channel for water

flow cleaned during the Shramdan camp organized by the Ekta Parishad in Pichhari village of Koderama district in Jharkhand. Now, villagers will access the clean and sufficient water. Also villagers brought out the soil from the channel which was filled in silting.

Pond deepening work in Giridih

Giridih @ Ramswaroop: The Ekta Parishad organized a shramdan camp for water conservation under the food for the work program supported by the Prayog organization to promote the culture of water conservation and community collectives. The camp was held between 10th and 13th of June and campers were provided food materials kit for their manual work.

BIHAR

Shramdan for pond deepening in Gaya

Gaya @ Shatrughan: A camp organized in Gaya for water conservation by the Ekta Parishad under the food for the work program of Prayog organization.

Community members worked for 3 days in pond deepening and got dignity food material kit.



NYP



Youth cleaned the campus of SR Mission

Godavarikhani @ K. Yadav Raju:

State unit, Telangana of National Youth Project organized one day Shramdan camp in Godavarikhani and cleaned the campus of Shriramchandra Mission



Blood donation in Betul

Betul @ Shital Jain:

The volunteer of National Youth Project, New Delhi donated their blood in Betul of Madhya Pradesh.

Story from grass root



**How Kailash will
survive and who
support?**

Sheopur @ Kuldeep Tiwari:

Kailash, a Sahariya tribal, has wound in his leg and unable to do work to earn money for his lives. Also his wife cannot work because of illness as a result there is nothing in his home to eat except bread (Roti), which they have got from the PDS. They informed about their pitiable situation, when an activist of MGSA Jyoti went his home and try to know about their well being. Jyoti provided them a food material kit including 10 kg flour 1 kg lentils 1 kg sugar oil and spices salt and 500 rupees for fare to reach hospital for his treatment. Kailash don't have money to reach hospital for treatment. There is a 3 month old baby in the family, who looks

very weak close to malnourished. Jyoti talked with the Secretary of the Panchayat for any assistance. The secretary told that Kailash is not eligible to get disability certificate because he has only wound in his leg and not disable. Also he is not eligible to get registration in migrant labor schemes of the state government.

Many questions raise in the story of Kailash relating government schemes, which are a person belonging to tribal community having no means of livelihood and unable to work, don't have money for proper treatment and food then where are the schemes for empowerment of the tribal and poor family and livelihood mission? How he and his family member will survive?

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