



Aga Khan Rural Support Programme (India)

Covid-19 Impacts

Impact on Community

- Panic among community members
- Return of migrants
- Impact on livelihoods
- Adversely affected crop harvesting and marketing
- Total collapse of poultry and goat rearing sectors

Principles and Pillars of Covid-19 Response Program

Securing staff and ensuring health wellbeing of staff

Identifying and supporting most vulnerable

Response is based on 2 pillars

1. Slowdown the spread
2. Minimise impact on communities, vulnerable, social services & economic activities

Collaborative approach

- Research
- Collective response with other NGOs
- Supporting government efforts

Response Activities

Slowdown the spread
(pillar 1)

- Awareness generation
- Mask production and distribution
- Hygiene material distribution
- Supporting quarantine centers
- Handwashing stations in health centers
- Sanitisation of villages

Minimise impact on
communities
(pillar 2)

- Food security of poorest
- Agriculture inputs
- Securing livestock
- Migrant support
- Access to entitlements and schemes
- Enterprises
- Strengthening community based organisations, especially womens groups

COVID-19 RELIEF

work was done in collaboration with Govt. bodies, PRIs and CBOs

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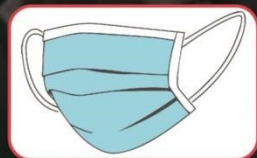
cal distancing was properly maintained



10,000 +
households
covered



1,20,000 +
Soaps and Hygiene
Kits distributed



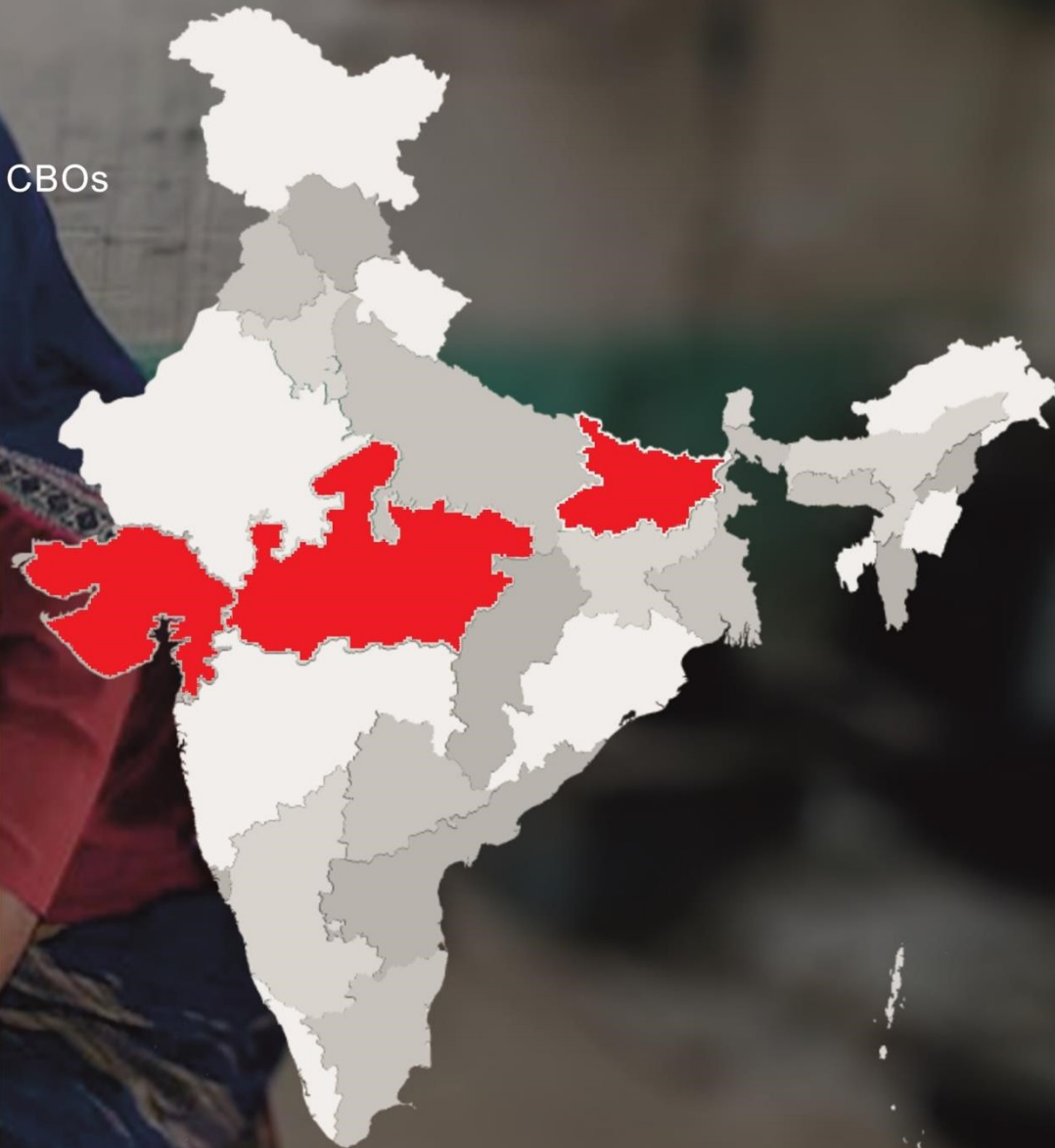
1,33,000 +
Facemask prepared
and distributed



21,700 +
food kits
distributed



29,000 +
Sanitary napkins
distributed



Awareness Generation

107 villages

Over 3 Lakh Families

Over 1.2 Million Individuals





Mask Production and Distribution

740 women trained in mask making

Over 3 lakh masks produced and sold

Average income/woman :Rs.2500

One women's group engaged in PPE
kit manufacturing



Hygiene Material



1.2 lakh soaps distributed to over 57000 families covered

Over 29000 sanitary napkins distributed



One women's group in Bihar also engaged in production of soaps

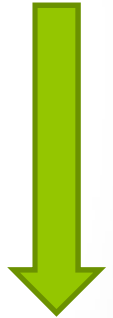
Handwashing Stations and Drinking Water



Less handwashing stations in government offices



Flood water converted into potable water in flooded Bihar villages



Ensuring Food Security of Poorest



- 21789 poorest households provided ration
- Poorest families identified with the help of community groups and Panchayats
- Ration package included cereals, pulses, oil, vegetables and spices



35351 households provided support for kitchen vegetable gardens for securing long term nutrition of poorest households



Livelihood support

COVID 19 RESPONSE



41900 + Households

Supported with agriculture input supply



35350 + Households

Supported with Kitchen vegetable gardens



2 lakh + Farmers

Covered under Natural farming extension



15 FPOs

Supported for market linkages



79750 + households

Supported for Deworming and vaccination in livestock



8750 + households

Supported with Livestock feed supply



100 + households

Provided Micro-enterprises support

cash for the poor: MGNREGA plus

AKRSPI reworked its own programmes to be labour intensive

Pro-active liason with MGNREGA in all districts

Job cards for all

Over 1 lakh people got labour works

Targeting of the vulnerable and migrants



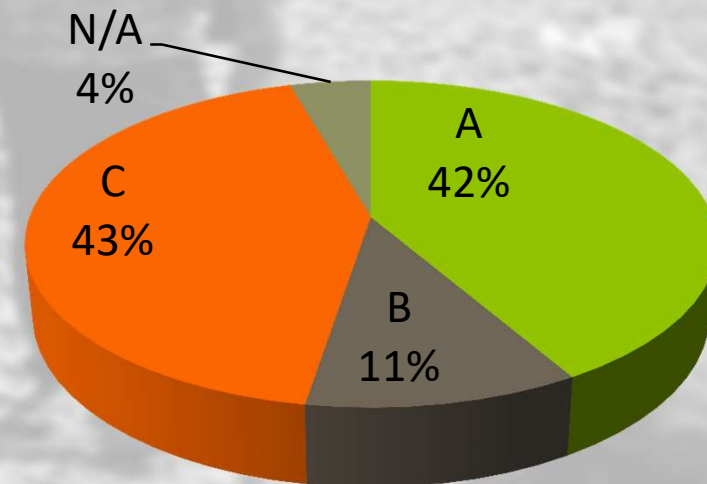
Reverse Migration: A monumental tragedy

Millions of migrants returned to villages
70% migrants came back without cash
Poorly equipped quarantine centers
Epidemic in local communities

Response
Supporting Panchayat in listing migrants
IOU in Bihar to improve quality of quarantine centres
UNICEF Support for quarantine work
Listing in Job Cards for MGNREGA and other Government Entitlements
Online counselling for youth
Cash transfer for youth in distress



Skill analysis of returned migrants: 42% with vocational skills, 11% sales, 43% manual labour



Glimpses of livelihood work with migrants



Community Groups Took the Lead

Groups started responding to local needs even before we could put a response program in place

Women's Groups, Farmers Institutions and Panchayats were at the front end to support AKRSP response to covid-19 crisis

Over 7000 community leaders, frontline workers and volunteers actively participated in the covid response activities

Current Status

1 million people including frontline workers are being covered under DFID-HUL partnership

Over 1.65 lakhs school children prepared for back-to-school protocols

Livelihoods and entitlement support continues for vulnerable

Planning for vaccination awareness drive

Lessons learnt for the future

PROGRAMME STRATEGY: Covid awareness and behavioral change

- Migrant support: Urban –rural linkage, returned migrants
- Last mile connectivity for govt. entitlements
- Re-imagine existing programmes, digitization of extension

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