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1. THE PANDEMIC & THE PEOPLE- A BACKGROUND WITH FOCUS ON BIHAR

In a short span of six months, from January to June, coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) had evolved from an isolated disease in a region of China to a global pandemic that has brought countries to a standstill, pushed hospital systems to the brink, and dragged the global economy into a recession. The virus has precipitated a humanitarian crisis alongside the public health crisis.

The lockdown announced by the Indian central and state governments, restrictions on work and movement to stop the spread of the infection added to the miseries to lives of people especially to those, who are already living on the margins. The resultant situation presented complex and unique challenges of survival and sustenance to underprivileged people while exacerbating their vulnerabilities. Daily wage workers, Beggars, small and marginal farmers, women and children remained most affected. The range of consequences and challenges faced by them included from losing lives to loss of livelihoods, starvation, loss of learning and education opportunity for children, basic health facilities to women and lack of access to hygiene materials.

Bihar, one of the poorest states of India, unfortunately, remained one of the severely impacted state. It witnessed huge revers migration of informal workers in arduous conditions portraying the picture of widened social and economic divide. The situations aroused from Covid-19 made them more vulnerable at the destination as well as at their origin places due to loss of income and livelihood. In the state where 30.6% of Bihar's population lives below the poverty line (approx 3.3 crores) and the lower middle-class population (approx. 3 crores) became more vulnerable due to the resultant loss of incomes, facing dire hunger and severe malnourishment due to this crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. According to a rapid assessment study carried out by ActionAid in Bihar, 82 per cent of respondents lost their jobs and returned to their home districts after the lockdown was announced. The report also captured that unemployment in state which rose from 9% pre-lockdown to 62% post-

lockdown. More women (55%) lost their jobs relative to men. Their access to health services and menstrual hygiene related product and services was adversely affected. Many children lost their academic year with loss of learning in both way, regression and forgetting.

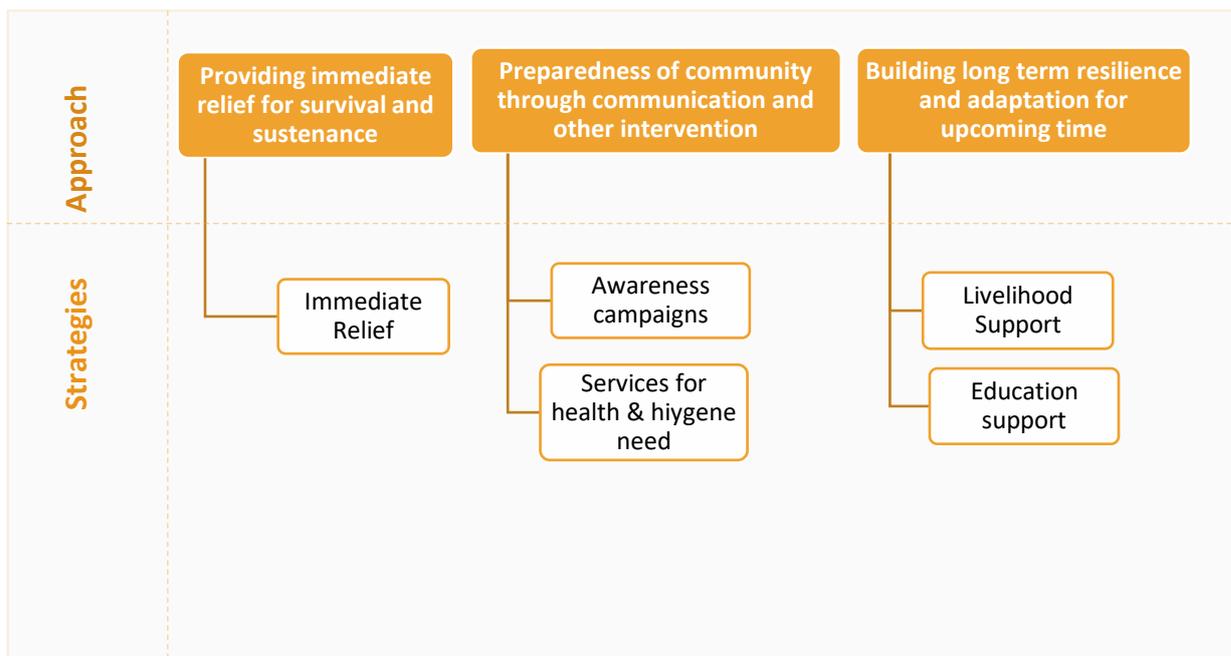
The severity of consequences can be sensed by the fact that Bihar saw a drastic increase in outmigration even during the third and fourth phase of lockdown ready to take risk amidst growing COVID-19 cases in search of livelihood opportunities.

2. OUR RESPONSE- RESPONSE TO DEEPENING CRISIS OF POVERTY, HEALTH, HUNGER AND LOSS OF LIVELIHOOD AND EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

KF team and the squad of Corona Commandos have been working tirelessly trying to provide relief and succour to individuals and families in need from vulnerable sections of societies while collaborating with multiple donors, partners and volunteers. We mobilized **600+ corona commandos** to implement the relief program on ground and started the immediate intervention at the end of March' 20. The immediate relief program included providing cooked meals and ration packets to provide food for survival to most needy people in rural and urban areas of Bihar. **We started with 400 packet of meals on the very first day of food distribution and so far we have distributed 47 lakh+ meals. The food distribution is still continue with the aim to serve the most vulnerable as per availability of resources.** Hygiene kits were distributed to keep vulnerable communities across the country prepared. Understanding the importance of timely and appropriate information during this time of uncertainty and distress we adopted various communication strategies to spread necessary information for prevention from COVID-19 and on other aspects of health as well livelihood. With time and rising severity we reached out to our fellow farming community to support them with their farming and marketing activities which were badly

impacted due to the pandemic and lockdown measures. Our initiative also focused on providing health related information and menstrual health amenities to women. In remote areas of villages schools have been started to fill the educational and learning gap of children and to support their upcoming educational need. This multistep effort to help and support people was driven by the approach which focused on following three things followed by the strategies to implement the relief and rehabilitation work :

1. Providing immediate relief for survival and sustenance
2. Preparedness of community through communication and other intervention
3. Building long term resilience and adaptation for upcoming time



“यही खिचड़ी करीब 6 महीनों से रोज हमारा खाना है और यह आज भी उतना ही स्वादिष्ट लगता है जितना पहले दिन लगा था। पसंद और स्वाद दोनों ही हम गरीबों के लिये बड़ी चीज हैं”

--- एक लाभार्थी

“This Khichdi, same food, every day, has been our meal for almost last six months, and it still taste as good as it did on the very first day. Choice and taste are luxuries not meant for poor”

--- Words of a beneficiary

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3. Response Strategies

Immediate Relief



Cooked meals



Ration packet

Awareness Campaign



SMS



Call



Posters



Onsite
Announcement



Pamphlet

Services for health and hygiene need



Hygiene
supplies



Menstrual
Hygiene
Supplies

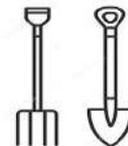
Livelihood support



Seed
distribution



Transportati
on for
marketing
of produces



Provision of
agriculture
tools

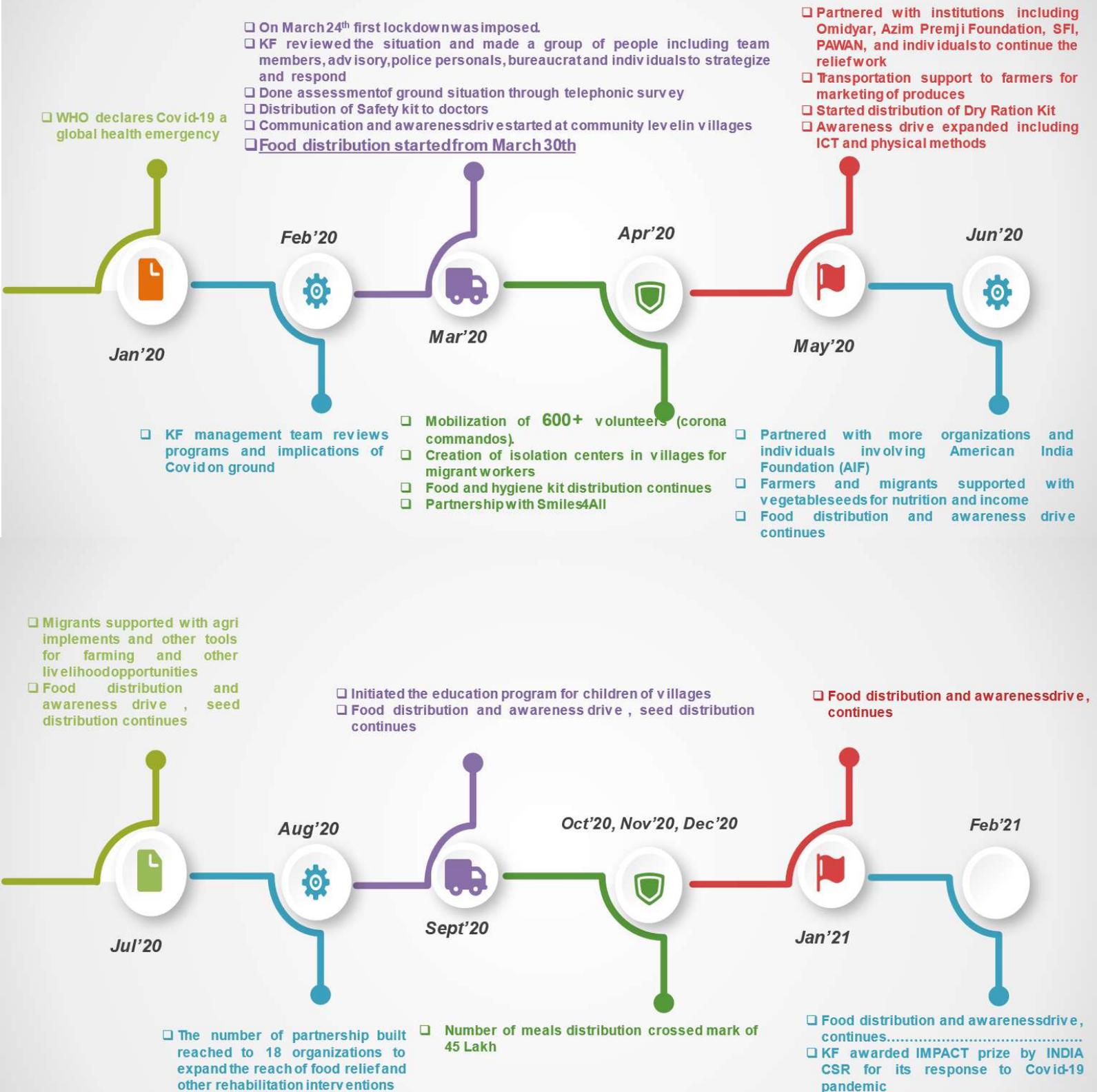
Education support



Supplement
ary Schools

4. Response Timeline

Covid-19 Response Timeline



5. Key highlights of KF Response



9,50,000+
Cooked Meals



47,200+
Dry Ration Kits
(equivalent to
37.80 lakh meals)

47 lakh+
Meals

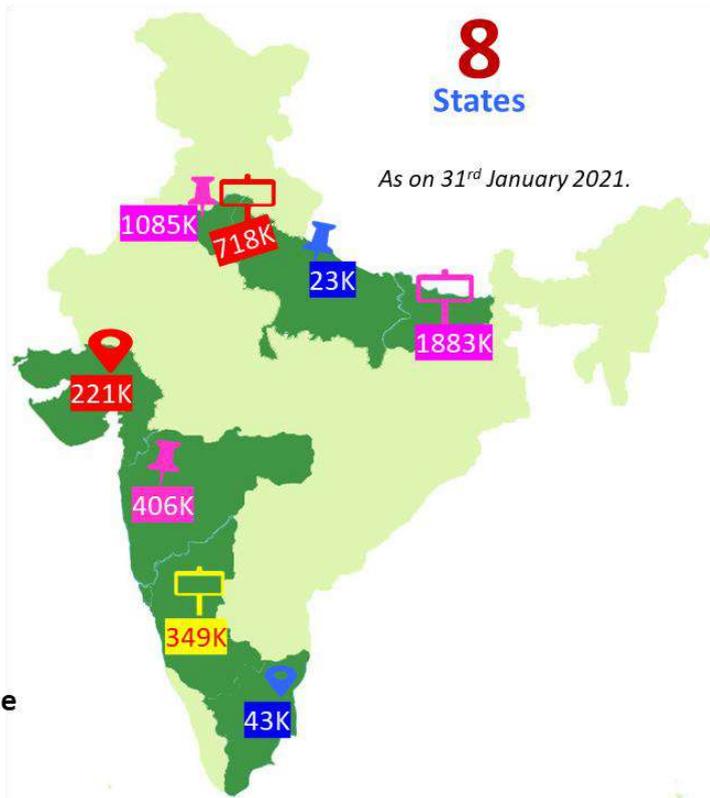
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States



61,000+
Masks



55,500+
Hygiene Kits
(urban & rural poor)



4,50,000+
Awareness
(rural families)



12,49,736
KGs Agri Produce
Marketed



3,00,000+
Calls and
SMSs
(rural families)



2
Education for
rural children
at 2 locations



INR 90,50,000+
Worth of Seeds & Agri Implements
to Small Farmers and Migrants

6. Response Strategies:

a. Immediate relief work



IMMEDIATE RELIEF

Realising the impact on poor and vulnerable communities, KAUSHALYA Foundation has provided humanitarian assistance in several locations across the country. Cooked meals and ration kits were provided to vulnerable communities across 8 states in India to address the plight of poor population.

KEY FIGURES

Meals Served

47 Lakhs+

KF during these tumultuous times worked together with different partners and provided cooked meals to needy people.

Cooked meals

9, 50, 400



Ration Kits

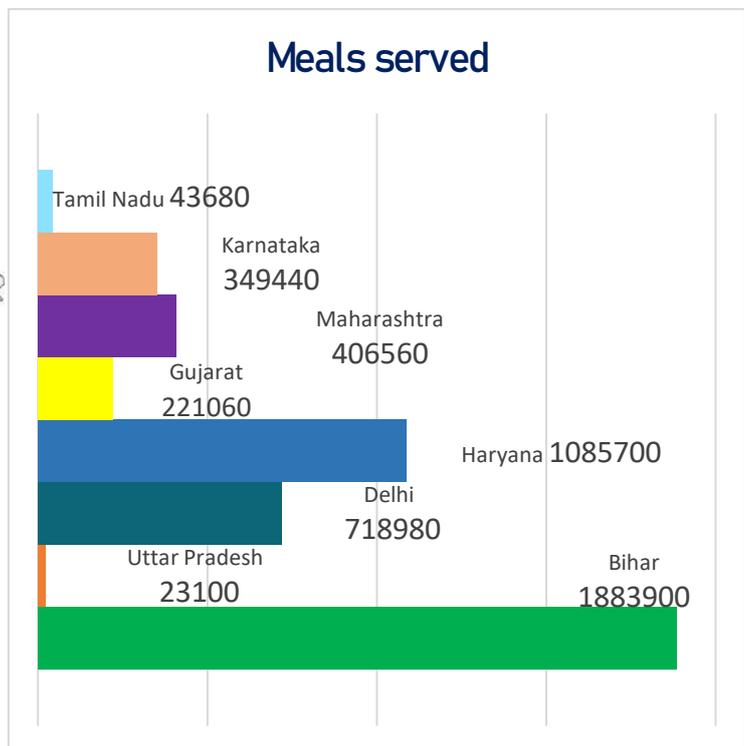
47,215

Ration Kits were provided to the vulnerable communities across Bihar, which contained rice (15 kg), pulses (3kg), potatoes (15 kg), salt (2kg), oil (1 kg), spices (20 packets of different varieties). (equivalent to 37.80 Lakh meals)

States covered



Meals served



AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

Understanding the threat, prevalent confusion, lack of information and the spread of COVID-19, KF conducted awareness and information campaigns and programmes to make people realise the immediate need of hygiene practices, providing the information related to COVID-19, providing information and connecting with health facilities and to adopt best practices in farming activities.

METHODS APPLIED

POSTERS, BANNERS, WALL PAINTINGS

300+ Posters, information banners were placed at various locations to spread mass awareness activities. COVID-19 precautions and information were also disseminated through wall paintings in various rural areas.



SENSITISATION AND ON-SITE INFORMATION

KF sensitised people and given on-site while relief work on how to contain COVID-19 by following simple and hygiene practices and social distancing.

SMS ALERTS

3 LAKH +

text alerts were sent connecting with approx 50,000 rural families. KF volunteers informed them daily on safe practices, local queries, and links with government support as needed.



ADVISORIES THROUGH CALL

Calls were made to make people aware of the COVID-19 character, its preventive measures, health & hygiene practices to be taken during the pandemic. Calls were also made to the rural farming communities regarding COVID-19 preventive measures and farming advisories. Information were given on different farming practices during sowing, threshing, harvesting and others. They were also informed specifically on the ongoing government schemes so that they can take benefits of them during distress times.

c. Support for health & hygiene need



HYGIENE KIT

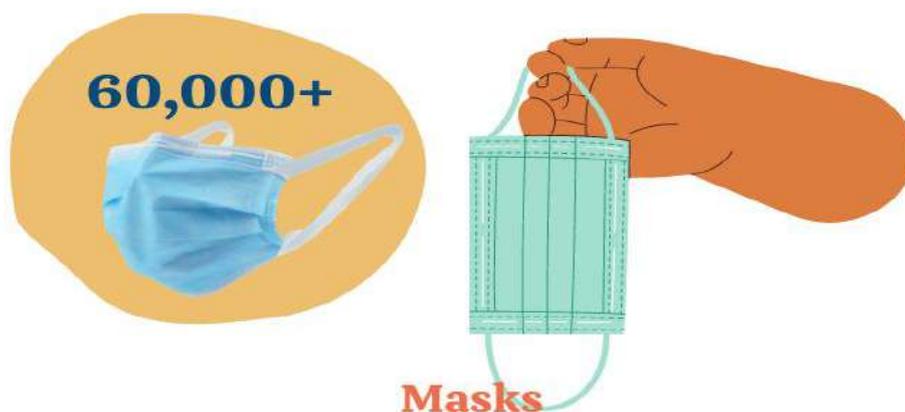
KF identified the needy people and to promote and keep up the hygiene practices we distributed hygiene kits which included masks, soap, detergent powder and sanitizer. The kits were prepared after the assessing the needs of the targeted beneficiaries. Keeping the women's challenges to access the menstrual hygiene management product sanitary pads were distributed amongst girls and women.

Key Figures



Sanitary Pads+ Hygiene Kits

KF distributed sanitary packets (8 pads in each) along with hygiene kits including soaps, detergents.



Masks

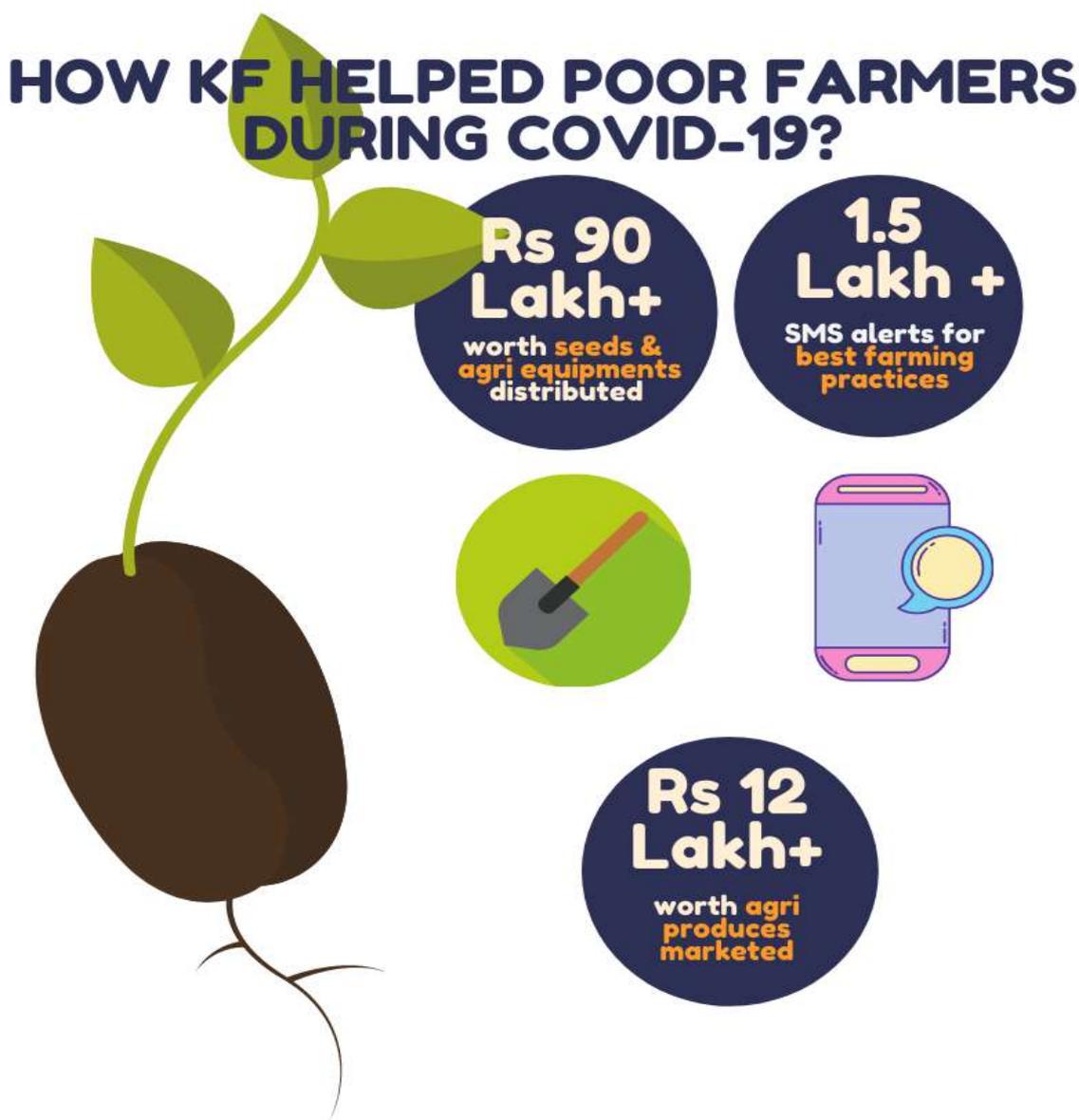
We also distributed reusable and medical masks among the poor. The distribution was taken place at different places in Bihar and other states.

d. Livelihood support



LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

As COVID-19 fallout hit farmers, KF extended support in marketing the agricultural produces which helped them to gain income during the lockdown. We also gave seeds supports to migrant workers, who returned to their home state after lockdown. This was done with objective to fulfil the food and nutritional need of migrants and their families in the hard time. We also supported migrant families with agri equipment as an enabler for livelihood opportunities on their own or to participate in government employment program such as MNAREGA. SMS alerts were sent to farmers related to the farming and other processes for the safety measures they can take during the pandemic while continuing the work on field.



e. Education support



EDUCATION SUPPORT

While Covid-19 impacted everyone's lives across the society, children in rural part of India are one amongst those have hit hardest by it. Indian education system saw a compulsive shift and many schools especially in urban areas took recourse using online platform which remained a distant dream for students in rural areas due to multiple technical and affordability challenges. The initiative of KAUSHLAYA Foundation is a step forward with the goal to continue children's education, bridging the growing divide in urban and rural and contribute to make world a better place to live. KF currently supports two schools in Mahmadpur village of Nalanda district in Bihar, India.

EDUCATION STATISTICS

120 KIDS

received benefits of the basic education by the schools run by KAUSHALYA Foundation.

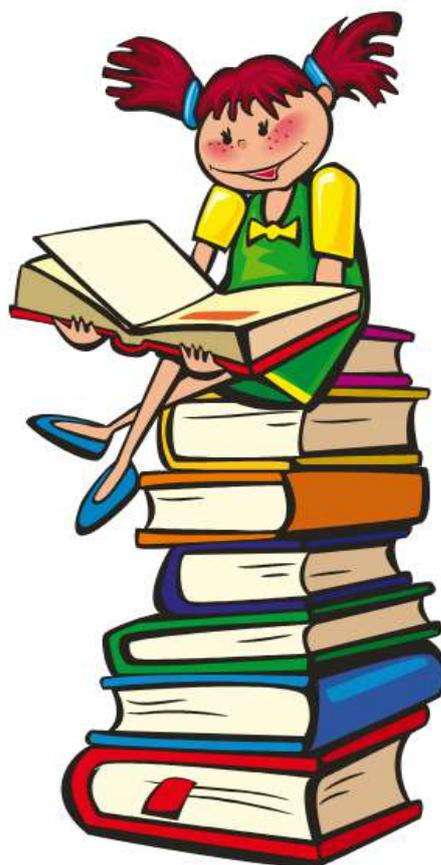
SCHOOLS 2

being run by KF in remote areas of Bihar. The schools are located in Mahmadpur village of Nalanda district of Bihar.

600+ VOLUNTEERS HOUR

CONTRIBUTED

KF's volunteer working for people's betterment devoted their time during COVID-19 to educate children so that they did not lag with the basic education.



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600+ individual donors



20+ Institutional Partners



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8. Ground Diaries

Stories of Impact and Resilience



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AI Triple Camera

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GROUND STORY-1

RAY OF HOPE WHICH SAVED HOPE OF BABY KUMARI, THE SINGLE EARNING CHILD OF THE FAMILY, IN DARKEST TIME OF COVID-19



Baby Kumari receiving food ration packet during Covid-19 response program, Patna, Bihar, India

Covid-19 pandemic has impacted humankind in multiple ways. Millions of daily wage workers suddenly became jobless losing their source of income and being pushed into social and financial crisis situation, which was one amongst many detrimental impacts of COVID-19 crisis. Countrywide lockdown and stay at home advisory from government barred them from going out and gig worker's services for instance maids' services, drivers' services were on halt for considerable long time. Despite of appeal from Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, in which he requested people to pay salaries to these service providers, not all the gig workers were lucky enough to receive income or support from their employers.

Most of them were left with little or no saving and unable to access any of the government schemes making them witness grim situation of hunger and starvation. Bihar one of the severely impacted state is also second poorest state in India. While approx. one third of its people accounting to approx. 30 million are below poverty line, majority of its workforce is engaged in informal sector. The impact of Covid-19 was on this informal sector of workforce and gig workers were no different in Bihar and portray a bleak picture.

Baby Kumari belongs to such workforce staying in slum areas of Patna, Bihar and has been single source of income for her family through working in 3 houses as maid for last four years. Her father is ailing for long with a chronic disease and is bed ridden. Baby's mother who earlier used to work as maid is old and sick and is not able to work anymore. Despite of spending most of her income for father's treatment she said that she was not able to afford a suitable treatment option for her father. They have been living hand to mouth for long and could not save a penny.

The lockdown guidelines saw a drastic impact on Baby and her family's life like many others who are bearing the brunt of loss of their livelihood. At one hand where Baby was asked not to come on work by her employers, she was not able to receive any help from them. In addition, she could not access any government help due to lack of required documents. The hunger and starvation, she thought became her fate.

KAUSHALYA Foundation team encountered Baby during the Covid-19 relief activity under the "COVID-19 response program" launched in May. Under the COVID-19 response program dry ration packet for one month and hygiene kit were given to people who needed it the most. Baby was one of the beneficiaries who received it. While she received the relief material, she could not stop her tears and expressed her gratitude. With wet eyes she said that her family have not eaten anything for last two days and this help is life saving for all of them and especially for her father. She requested, in her innocent tone, for another bag next month with the condition that she would need it only if she is not able to resume her work.

This is a representational story of many similar lives who are struggling to cope up with the ongoing difficult situation. Where at one hand COVID-19 has created health emergencies around the world it has widely impacted the informal sector workers, daily wagers and lives of people dependent on social services by making food inaccessible for them and pushing them on the verge of starvation. KF with its partners to provide immediate relief support for survival through providing food ration packet and hygiene kit is an effort to support such people in need for diving through this difficult time. We have been able to reach out to 4,000 people to provide these immediate relief materials. This crisis has definitely been unprecedented in its nature, but the resilience of people has been strengthening with each passing day who just need to survive to thrive in coming days.

GROUND STORY-2

FOOD- A WISH IN DAILY PRAYER FOR THE DISABLED OLD COUPLE

The impact of COVID-19 has left no section of society untouched from its despicable impact. Where everyone is struggling to cope up with the health, economic, social and mental hunger and severe malnourishment due to this crisis resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of those are unable to access any of the government run temporary or long-term schemes and were losing hopes for survival. In this section of



Renu Devi receiving Ration packet from KF corona commandos, Patna, Bihar, India

society difficulties for differently abled people have been increased multifold leaving them stranded and helpless.

Renu Devi and her husband Jitendra Kumar both are differently-abled and live in a make shift hut near Gardanibag road, Patna, Bihar. It is one of slum areas in Patna. Their home can be described as four wood pillars surrounded by torn tarpaulins and old banners put together allowing everyone to peep in their home and life. Their unemployment situation has added to their grief and they have been living their life through begging and have been dependent on social services and food provided by the social organizations including temples and NGOs.

The lockdown period due to COVID-19 added to their misery. Since, no one was stepping out and almost all organizations were closed including temples and other social service providers getting food, food rations or some money became an ardent task for Renu and her husband. Their kitchen was empty in week after lockdown and they were losing hopes for survival. It was the day, when they were deprived of any food for last two days, KF team reached their area for food ration packet and hygiene kit distribution. Renu heard the sound and came out to receive the ration packet. She blessed the person who handed her over the packets and went back slowly whispering her gloomy situation. She murmured about how helpless they were feeling and praying for food. Food was the only wish they have been asking from their God. She again stopped by another team member and said “Tum sabka bhagwan bhala karen...jo hum bhukho ko khana khile rahe ho”.

KF responded to COVID crisis in urban slums of Patna and provided immediate relief through food ration packet and hygiene kit to people who were most vulnerable. To spread awareness about the COVID-19 and preventive measures from it, people were also made aware through interactive process and through IEC materials. These immediate relief services proved to be lifesaving for many who were unable to access food or food materials. These lives have been just hoping for everything to come back to normal so that they can get their three times meals.

GROUND STORY -3

SIGH OF RELIEF FOR VEGETABLE GROWERS DURING COVID-19

When 2020 began no one thought that the year will bring another kind of challenge for the farmers in Bihar. Initial days of summer were difficult times for the farmers as pandemic COVID-19 came with a lockdown putting restrictions on movement and businesses all over the country.

Since most of grain, fruit and vegetable markets saw a massive fall in the number of customers and were unable to transport their produce from the peripheral villages to the urban centres with transportation networks severely hit, they feared that their crops will rot away and their livelihoods would remain damaged and for months to come.

One such story comes from the Barajairam village, which is located in Chiraiya block of Bihar, where most of the farmers earn their livelihood from farming. The village does pulse and vegetable farming at big scale. With the effort taken from Kaushalya Foundation along with Rajalal Prasad and his group members of farmers in the village took sigh of relief as their vegetables were sold in the Motihari market. In a country where one-seventh of the annual GDP is composed of agriculture, any kind of negative on farming is sure to have damaging consequences for the economy, as well. Rajalal



Rajalal Prasad sold approximately 20,695 kg of ladyfingers in the Motihari market with the help of Kaushalya Foundation, he is standing in front of his house in Nawada, Bihar, India

Prasad like other marginal farmers earns his livelihood by selling his farm produces in nearby market like other marginal farmers in the village. He has total seven members in the family, in which his two sons work as a driver, but due to lockdown in the month of March their earning was also almost nil. Rajalal produces vegetables in total 21 khatta (1 Kattha = 1320 Square feet) of land, in which he owns six khatta of land and has taken 15 khatta on lease.

KAUSHALYA Foundation is working in the Barajairam village for last 3.5 years to promote pulse production. A group of 40 members, who are residents of Barajairam, is also associated with the project. Rajalal Prasad is one of the member of the group and all the other farmers are also vegetable farmers like him. They were in distress due to lockdown as vegetables were not being sold in the market and started rotting in the field itself. Hunger and starvation like situation were prevailing in the village due to no income. Then Rajalal Prasad called up meeting with other group members associated with KF to discuss marketing of the vegetables in Motihari market.

Amidst concern and challenges on the question of transporting and marketing during the lockdown phase they decided to take help of KF and do it. And they successfully started to sell their vegetable and some other produces collectively using the transportation support provided by KF. Since then Rajalal has sold approximately 20,696.5 kg of ladyfingers in the Motihari market with this intervention of KF and have been able to earn well.

According to the Rajalal approx. 40 to 50 farmers were benefitted with the vegetable marketing in this pandemic situation. In these difficult situation Rajalal become a role model for other farmers in the village. After the appreciable work he was also honoured by the other villagers and all the group members thanked Kaushalya Foundation for helping the farmers economically and showing the right way for selling the veggies.

GROUND STORY -4

COVID 19: MARKETING LINKAGE COMES OUT BOON FOR FARMERS

It is very hard to describe the plight of farmers when they are not able to sell their produce which shall fetch good rate. Despite of hard work farmers often are on mercy of others being at receiving end and not earning a good price for their produces. COVID-19 with its implications made it worse. Closures and transportation ban compelled many farmers to feel helpless seeing their perishables and non-perishables unsold leading them to hunger and making economically vulnerable. Bahuarwa is one



Jawed Hussain standing near a field in East Champaran, Bihar, India

such village which got badly affected by COVID-19. Farming is the only mean of livelihood for the villagers and the produces grown includes cereals, pulses and oil seeds. Jawed Hussain, 55, hails from Bahuarwa village, around 4 km from Chiraiya block in East Champaran district, Bihar. He had successfully sold his 255 kg of lentils in the lockdown, when no one was able to reach farmer dues to travel restrictions. Like other farmers also Jawed does farming to earns his livelihood for his family of seven. As always, he planted wheat and lentil in his 15 khatta (1 kattha = 1320 sq ft.) of fields, which includes his own and leased one, hopeful of earning money by selling the produces.

Immediately after threshing of the grains, lockdown was announced all over the country and hence begin the difficulties of all farmers. The nationwide lockdown due to the coronavirus pandemic has resulted in severe labour shortages, transport impediments, and reduced market access, leaving thousands of farmers in the lurch. Though the Indian government made it a point to relax some of the restrictions for the farming sector, the community was still striving to cope with the losses and find the right buyers and transportation mode to sell their produces. Despite the bountiful produces Jawad was not able to sell his wheat and lentils at a gainful rate.

A helping hand

Jawed is member of a group of 30 farmers formed by Kaushalya Foundation, which is working with the villagers for last three years for farmer's upliftment. The group is also part of a bigger federation registered as Farmer Producer Company (FPC) *Champaran Producer Krishak Company Limited*.

Jawad Hussain came to know about the foundation Covid response works during the pandemic and consulted them for the help. In local market they were being paid much lower rate than usual for their lentils which could not even cover their cost of cultivation.

“Due to lockdown we are facing many problems and local market is also buying our produces at lower rate which is not sufficient for our livings. Even if some farmers are ready to sell their grains merchants are asking us to take the cash after 10-15 days,” said Jawad in grief. Deeply in sorrow he further added that we are anyhow taken loans for our daily expenses, and now we are not able to get more loans also.

KF linked the FPC with buyers who can pay better rates and arranged for transportation facility. Jawed and other farmers of his group sold their produces through FPC. The total produces sold by Jawed amounted to 255 kg of masoor at the rate of 62 per kg for which he received Rs 15,810 as cash in hand. “The help from KF and FPC in these difficult times is like a blessing for us,” shared Jawed with a smile.

GROUND STORY-5

SEED DISTRIBUTION- HOW IT HELPED WOMEN TO FULFIL THE NUTRITIONAL NEED OF HER AND FAMILY



Chameli Devi standing nearby ladyfinger backyard garden at her home in Pandey Bigha in Nawada district of Bihar, India

Food for survival and to gain adequate nutritional food have been one of the resultant crisis for migrants and poor. Aiming to achieve the same objective, seeds were distributed among migrant workers so that they can have

access to nutritional foods while struggling to cope up during the lockdown. Chameli Devi, 50 years old, is a housewife and lives with 8 members in her home. They live in Pandey Bigha village in Nawada district of Bihar in which only one of them used to work as a Riksha puller outside Bihar. But after the lockdown he had to return back to his home in Pandey Bigha due to unavailability of the work. Due to no savings left Chameli Devi was forced to borrow money from other people in village to buy foods that too just rice and some basic ingredient. Vegetables were neither available nor affordable. It was becoming hard to manage other expenses as well.

While struggling to fulfil the family need she came to know about seed distribution in her village through KAUSHALYA Foundation. She received the seeds distributed by KF and sowed them in her backyard. After few days she was able to produce

vegetables from the plants and started using it in her daily diet. She grew bountiful of okra in her backyard and used those in her meals.

While communicating to Chameli Devi she said that, “I had no idea earlier what should I feed my children during the lockdown as I could not afford to buy vegetables. Me and other adults in the family can sleep empty stomach but what about children. But after sowing seeds I was able to feed my family with nutrient foods on almost daily basis. “My granddaughter got ill during the lockdown and fortunately we were able to grow healthy foods at our home, which I feel helped her in getting better faster” said Seema.

Further she said that without investing much money during the production of vegetables she got enough and healthy produce. It helped the family in not spending the loan amount on foods and after few days she returned the borrowed amount to the owner as she was able to feed the family with the help of backyard vegetable farming.

GROUND STORIES-6 REACHING UNREACHED TO EXTENDING SUPPORT AS COVID-19 GRIPS POOR

Rajendra Prasad, who used to paint house back in Delhi returned back to his Ismailpur village in Nawada district of Bihar during the lockdown period.



Rajendra Prasad receiving the relief and hygiene kit at Ismailpur village in Nawada district, Bihar, India

Rajendra’s family consists of 4 members – He himself, his wife, 1 adolescent daughter and 1 younger son. He is the only breadwinner of his household. Due to forced lockdown in March his income was at halt and in hope that lockdown will end soon he borrowed money

from his relatives and friends for the daily essential items, but unfortunately lockdown got extended and then unprecedented floods in Bihar which had indirect impacts on economy and relief work made his life standstill. Due to no earning, hunger and starvation started gripping the family. His young children also had to leave their studies

due to no money for readmission. “It was a dark period, we slept empty stomach for a day and felt helpless. But it was a big relief when I saw the ration packets being distributed in neighbourhood so i gave my name and received ration packet which was big relief in time of distress”.

KF distributed ration packets to distressed families to provide immediate relief which contained, rice (15kg), pulses (3 kg), salt (2kg), potato (15 kg), oil (1kg) and spices (20 packets). Along with this ration packet families were also provided with the hygiene kit containing soaps (4 pieces), detergent (1kg), sanitary napkin (1 packet), masks (5 pieces). The relief was an extending support by KF with the help of American India Foundation.

When corona commando communicated with the daughter of Rajendra Prasad she said, “Due to the lockdown restrictions I was not able to go main market to buy the sanitary napkins as one cannot find them in the village store and money was also sparse.” “Before sanitary napkins provided by the organisation, I used clothes for my last period. It’s unhygienic but there was not any other option left.”

Further she added that these napkins will now not force her to use the unhygienic clothes, which gives rashes. She also thanked KF and American India Foundation.

GROUND STORY-8

REACHING UNREACHED TO EXTENDING SUPPORT AS COVID-19 GRIPS POOR

The ongoing pandemic has disrupted people’s lives around the world, including marginalised people living on intersections of Gender, class, caste and localities. Suddenly the pandemic and conditions aroused from it made them face additional burdens and vulnerabilities. Queer and transgender communities witnessed a very difficult time during the pandemic as their source of income resonates to daily wage earner and lockdown and movement restrictions made them vulnerable while losing the earning opportunities with no savings.



Newspaper cutting of highlighting the relief programme for LGBTQ+ community, Patna, Bihar, Indian

Seeing the critical need for support, KAUSHALYA Foundation along with different partners like PAWAN (Progressive Actual Work for All Needy), a Bihar-based voluntary organisation, distributed relief materials in Patna to transgender community. More than 160 transgender beneficiaries received the ration kit distributed among the queer community. KF also extended the on-site information and awareness programme related to COVID-19 amongst the queer communities. The

COVID-19 aid was taken place at various locations across Patna such as Danapur, Buddha Marg, Gaya Line Gumti, Patna City and others. Social distancing, a key tool in containing coronavirus, were strictly followed during the distribution process. Regular sanitisation, temperature check and wearing mask were some of the guidelines which were strictly followed by the corona commandoes to protect themselves from the virus.

9. Photographs

From pan India response activities



People standing in queue during the ration kit distribution process being taken by KF in Delhi.



Children beneficiaries enjoying kichdi, being distributed by KF in Patna, Bihar.



Ration kits being distributed as a COVID-19 response at a centre in Delhi.



A man receiving the ration kit by KF volunteers in Nashik, Maharashtra.



Beneficiaries receiving the ration kits in Bangalore, India.

Photographs



Villagers reading the information written on a banner put by KF for the COVID-19 awareness at Babhantoli in East Champaran.

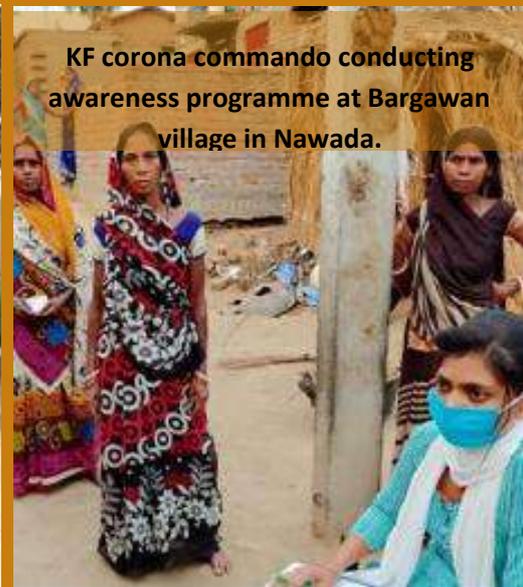


Children beneficiaries enjoying khichdi, being distributed by KF in Patna, Bihar.



Villagers reading the COVID-19 banner put at a school in Ruphara village of East Champaran district of Bihar.

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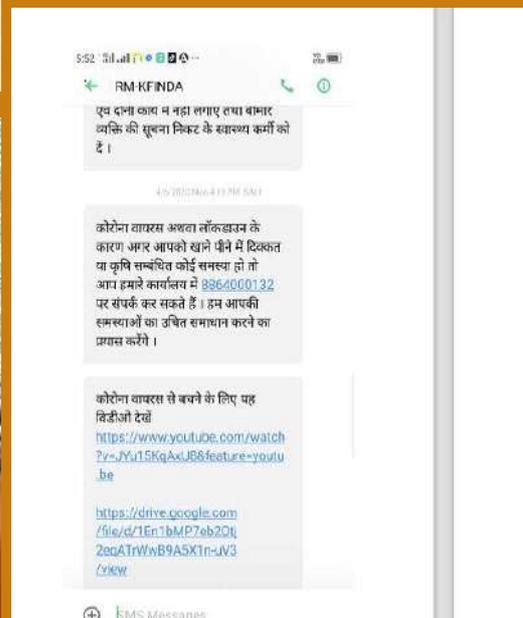


KF corona commando conducting awareness programme at Bargawan village in Nawada.



Onsite-information were also provided to beneficiaries during the COVID-19 relief conducted by KF in Patna Bihar.

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Screenshots of SMS alerts sent by KF to make people aware on how to contain COVID-19.

Photographs



Farmers produces being marketed by KF volunteers at Motihari market of Bihar, India. The transportation support given during lockdown made farmers to generate income during COVID-19, when everything was shut down.



Farmers produces being transported by a truck at a nearby market in Purnea, Bihar, India.



Agri produces being marketed by FPO at East Champaran district in Bihar, India

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FPO team members at transportation relief conducted during COVID-19.



A farmer selling his produce through FPO during the lockdown with the support pf KF team in Purnea, Bihar.



A woman farmer receiving the agri equipment distributed by KF as a COVID-19 relief, at Nawada, Bihar.

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Photographs



Fruit seller receiving mask from KF team member. Masks helped them in containing COVID-19 during the widespread in Patna, Bihar, India



Sanitary napkins being distributed among women in rural areas of Bihar, India so that they don't have to use unhygienic clothes during menstruation. (Picture Location – East Champaran, Bihar)

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Sanitary napkin distribution being conducted at Majhulia village in East Champaran district of Bihar.

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A woman receiving the sanitary napkins from KF volunteer during the COVID-19 lockdown, in Purnea, Bihar, India

Join the Fight Against Covid=Hunger

Covid-19 has disrupted lives and is challenging the survival and well-being of human being especially, of marginalised and poorer. It has been especially harsh on the weaker sections of the society who are in a hand-to-mouth position at the best of the times. They are struggling to survive and meet their daily needs.

Poor, migrant labourers, daily wagers, beggars, transgenders, people living on streets and their families are on the verge of starvation. Their lives have been threatened now by double risk, of contracting this infectious disease augmented by the lack of livelihood and hence food, hitting them hard, endangering their existence and well-being.

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