Indian Red Cross volunteers in West Bengal and Odisha were engaged in disseminating early warning, maintaining social distancing, preparing cyclone shelters, providing food in cyclone shelters and evacuating people before the landfall of the cyclone to minimize loss of lives. At present the IRCS volunteers in West Bengal and Odisha are engaged in need assessment and in providing relief to the affected people. First aid kits & other equipments were provided in cyclone shelters along with masks, gloves and food. Cyclone Amphan claimed more than 70 lives in West Bengal. Nearly 45 lakh people in Odisha have also been affected by the extremely severe cyclonic storm Amphan, where crops have been affected and three deaths have been reported. The cyclone has severely damaged houses, standing crops, electrical infrastructure and uprooted trees in many districts. The affected districts are being supported through provision of tarpaulins to meet shelter needs. IRCS, NHQ has released 6000 tarpaulins for the West Bengal State Branch to respond to the needs of cyclone affected regions. Tarpaulins are also being distributed by Odisha state branch volunteers.
Indian Red Cross Society, Bihar Vice Chairman & District Branch Muzaffarpur Secretary distributed 1500 family kits consisting of dry ration, mask, sanitizer and soap among the needy people in the area. IRCS Bihar has reached thousands of such people in need with essential relief aid during the covid lockdown period.

IRCS Dumraav, Baxar organized a blood donation camp in association with Siddheshwar coaching centre to tide over the shortage created by the covid crisis. Many people came forward to join the team and donate blood. 20 units of blood was collected.

In Andhra Pradesh, East Godavari District Volunteers distributed food to 1200 migrant workers on the national highway, Guntur District Branch volunteers served food for 4,000 people on national highway, West Godavari volunteers provided dry ration to 600 families, Srikakulam District volunteers distributed food to 1500 migrant workers on national highway & Visakhapatnam District Branch volunteers distributed food packets to 1000 migrant workers on the national highway today.

Prepositioning is underway at the IRCS Dhemaji, Assam District Branch store.

Updates from IRCS Blood Banks

- **Units Collected:**
  - IRCS Rajkot, Gujarat: 10
  - IRCS Anand, Gujarat: 52
  - IRCS Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh: 10
  - Units available on 22.05.2020 morning: 53
  - IRCS Petlad, Gujarat: 14

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