

Indian Red Cross Society

COVID19 Response- Amphan Cyclone



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"Every evening I wait eagerly for the Red Cross bulletin that brings out the highlights of Red Cross work in the country post Covid. The work of Indian Red Cross during this pandemic shall go in the annals of Red Cross history as one of the best humanitarian responses of the current century."

Dr S S Aggarwal, Member, National Managing Body

Battling a Double- Edged Sword- Amphan Cyclone Amidst COVID Pandemic

An extremely severe cyclonic storm, Amphan savagely affected the capital of West Bengal, Kolkata and many other districts in the State. Trained volunteers are providing first aid and assessing the needs of affected people. The cyclone has also affected Odisha. IRCS Odisha coordinated activities like early warning, mobilization of vulnerable people into the IRCS cyclone shelters. Approximately 12,000 people were sheltered in IRCS cyclone shelters. A large population has been affected in Odisha & West Bengal and damage caused is being assessed.



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.



Despatch

The following material has been despatched to **Gujarat** State Branch by **NHQ**:

Face masks: **98000**; Hand gloves: **20,000**; PPE kits: **500**
Face Shields: **540**; Wet Wipes: **480**

Daily Stock Availability- NHQ

Blood Bank- NHQ

Units **Collected** : 47

Units **Issued** : 130

Units Available -

71 units of **PRBC**,

50 units of **PC**, **368** units of **FFP**

42,000 **Red Cross** Volunteers are in action across **550+** districts Their hard work is helping **Save Lives, Change Minds**

Updates- IRCS State/UT Branches



The volunteers of Red Cross Dima Hasao today attended funeral and offered floral tribute to Yamlal Sharma, frontline volunteer of Red Cross Dima Hasao and a Covid-19 warrior. Yamlal Sharma 54 yrs , employee of PHE breathed his last in Civil Hospital, Haflong due to cardiac problem. He left behind wife, two daughter and one son. Sharma was cremated in Haflong crematory. We have lost an active volunteer and he will always be remembered.



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.



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 Siddheshwari 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.



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**



In The Media

प्रवासी श्रमिकों को दिया राशन

युवा गौरव जुबैर खान
चेतनालय द्वारा केएमपी एक्सप्रेस पर प्रवासी मजदूरों को खाना बांटा गया कौराना के कारण प्रवासी मजदूर अपने घर जाने के लिए नियंत्रण संघर्ष कर रहे हैं इस दौरान कुछ प्रवासी मजदूर पैदल ही अपनी मंजिल तक पहुंचने की कोशिश में लगे हुए हैं रास्ते में खाने पीने की समस्याएं भी आती हैं ऐसे महामारी के दौर पर चेतनालय जो कि

