Medical equipments, medicines, oxygen concentrators, ventilators, test kits, PPE kits, EHI, Food items, etc. are being continuously donated by many. Foreign Assistance from different countries to cope with the mounting needs caused by Covid-19

Amid unprecedented surge in the number of Covid-19 cases across India, the global community, which includes Govts of several countries, Partner National Societies, IFRC, ICRC, associations of Indians leaving abroad and People of Indian Origin (PIO), have extended a helping hand in supporting the efforts of the country in its fight against the pandemic.

Several states have imposed renewed COVID restrictions and vaccination has been accelerated so that more people can get Covid vaccines as soon as possible. Vaccines are the most effective means to contain the spread of coronavirus. I appeal to all those who are eligible to take the vaccine. Everyone is at risk and precautions must be ensured by following the Covid-19 protocols.

There is enormous pressure on the healthcare system. Facilities are limited and health infrastructure is stretched. Friends & family members are testing positive every day. We have lost a few of our gems to Covid. Dr. Venugopal, Hon. Chairman IRCS, Visakhapatnam, Shri Suresh Kumar Srivastava, Chairman and Shri V.N Mathur, Honorary Treasurer both from IRCS, U.P State Branch their services would never be forgotten. May the noble souls rest in peace.

It is a very difficult time, emotionally & mentally, and it will take some time before it gets better. In this period of uncertainty and unpredictability, the Red Cross staff, and volunteers across the country have been on the frontlines to save the lives of people affected by the unprecedented pandemic. They are delivering the most vulnerable with ambulance services, access to medical care, food parcels, vaccine and other relief.

The situation became critical with the landfall of cyclone YAAS & TAUKATE affecting millions of people in coastal regions of India. IRCS emergency response teams worked alongside the authorities to evacuate people most at-risk in coastal areas, providing first aid, masks & relief items such as tarpaulins for shelter, kitchen sets, hygiene kits & buckets for safe drinking water, etc. & encouraging other critical COVID-19 prevention measures.

We are thankful to all Domestic & International Donors including National Governments and individuals for their generous support during these critical times.
“Give blood, give life.”

IRCS NHQ Blood Centre

“No one has ever become poor by giving.”

The month of April 2021

Donors – 1362
Voluntary Donors in camps — 543
Voluntary Donors in-house — 819
No. of camps — 16
Blood/Blood Components issued – 1600

Donating Blood During COVID-19 is Safe!

IRCS NHQ Blood Center timings for blood
donation:
Monday-Saturday (except 2nd Saturday): 9 AM - 7 PM
2nd Saturday, Sunday, Public Holidays: 10 AM - 6 PM
Note: The NHQ Blood Center is open 24/7 for
the issue of blood

Blood Donation Camp at Bagalkote, Karnataka
State Branch and All District Red Cross volunteers — in 30 districts of Odisha were engaged in Blood Donation Camps on the occasion of World Red Cross Day

Fighting COVID-19
Indian Red Cross Society launches COVID-19 helpline no.s

Our focus, at this time, is to make sure every citizen can access credible and accurate health information and assistance. Information will mainly surround topics like Coronavirus prevention, symptoms, treatment and psychosocial counselling in consultation with a team of doctors and experts along with emergency services to Home Quarantined Individuals.
Volunteers of Indian Red Cross Society, Sonamura Sub-Divisional Branch, Sepahijala, Tripura, worked with the health workers for the collection of the swab for Covid-19 Testing.

Distribution of medicines door to door - Sonamura sub divisional branch, Sepahijala Tripura.

SDRT Trained Red Cross volunteers (State Disaster Response team from IRCS Bellary District branch) distributed food packets and masks - Karnataka.

IRCS Koppal conducted YOGA and Pranayama for Covid patients at their Covid Care Centre, Koppal, Karnataka.

IRCS, Kolhapur District Branch Vice-Chairman Mr. V. B. Patil & Executive Committee members & Life members with the help of grain merchants collected 10000 kg grains & distributed them to children above 18 years who have left the Orphanage homes - Maharashtra.

Dr. Tharun Joshi, IPS Commissioner of Police & DCP Smt. K. Pushpa participated as Chief Guests at IRCS Warangal District, Telangana, on the launch of medical kits and helpline center.

IRCS Pune gave 25 ration kits each costing RS 1000 to 25 house maids in Hadapsar area who lost livelihood due to Covid 19 pandemic - Maharashtra.

Ration worth Rs 15000 was donated to Luit Braille institution for blind under Corona Pandemic Response project.

In Haryana home delivery of oxygen cylinders is being done by the Red Cross.

Inauguration of Covid-19 SIDDHA CARE CENTRE, Tamilnadu.

Covid-19 relief material was flagged off by Hon’ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Smt. Anandiben from Raj Bhawan to 11 districts.

Dead body management by YRC Volunteers at Ganjam district, Odisha.
We are grateful to all our Donors and Volunteers for their generous support for IRCS relief efforts on behalf of millions of underprivileged and vulnerable families struggling to survive in the aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank you for your compassion, patience, and contribution.
Distribution of Relief
Materials/Food packets/water bottle/Soaps/Masks/HP kits
War against CYCLONE YAAS and TAUKATE

IRCS, Amreli District branch with support from Gujarat State Branch distributed Relief Materials including Tarpaulins, Utensils Set, Buckets & Hygiene kits to a total no. of 47 families affected with Cyclone Tauktae. 11 active Red Cross Volunteers carried out the distribution.

CYCLONE TAUKTAE and YAAS gave a double blow for communities already facing COVID-19 pandemic in India. Indian Red Cross Society will keep supporting the people affected.

Volunteers from IRCS West Bengal are evacuating vulnerable people

Rescue & restoration operations underway in Odisha & West Bengal Cyclone YAAS-hit areas. IRCS team has evacuated thousands of people to safer zones. Dry food along with water, masks, & matchboxes have been distributed to the Vulnerable

Emergency Preparedness .......... Odisha State Branch

COVID-19 relief; Kenya donates 12 tonnes of food products to India.

The East African country has sent 12 tonnes of tea, coffee, and groundnut produced locally to the Indian Red Cross Society.

The Hon’ble High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya Mr. Willy Bett had personally visited Mumbai from Delhi on 28th May 2021 and handed over the donation to the Red Cross at the IRCS office.
Workshops, Trainings, Meetings and Webinars

Webinar on Transcending Covid-19 pandemic; Challenges, Remedies and Role of teachers was organised by College of Teacher Education, Muvattupuzhe and IRCS Kerala State Branch.

Webinar on Covid Consultation Assistance was held with team of specialists Doctors viz., Infectious Disease, Neurology, Pulmonology and Critical Care Physicians by IRCS Andhra Pradesh State Branch.

Dos and Don’ts in home isolation for Covid-19 patients and caregivers were imparted to the community health workers through a training program "Awareness on Coronavirus - Management of Covid -19 at home" by Bilasipara sub-division Branch IRCS, Assam.

An awareness workshop on Covid-19 what to do when your family is suspected of Covid was held by Punjab State Red Cross Branch.

Awareness Drive to Covid-19

Awareness Drive at Bharat Mata Chowk by volunteers of District Red Cross Society Jammu.

Awareness generation & distribution of Covid fighting gears in rural areas of Tripura.

Awareness drive-Assam

Awareness drive-Karnataka

Teachers run awareness campaign at Megha, Chhattisgarh

Awareness drive-Chhattisgarh
Celebration of Important days

**WORLD HAND HYGIENE DAY**

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform about the sad demise of some of the respected members of our Red Cross Family. Their services for the cause of suffering humanity will remain indelibly imprinted upon our minds. May their soul rest in peace.

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Shri Suresh Kumar Srivastava, Chairman, Indian Red Cross Society U.P State Branch died due to Covid-19.

**WORLD RED CROSS DAY, 2021**

Blood donation camp Odisha
Blood donation camp Uttarakhand
Food packets distribution, Kanker, Chhattisgarh

**WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY**

Hand Hygiene awareness session, Balangir, Odisha

**WORLD NURSE DAY**

Tribute!

Congratulations and welcome to the new General Secretary-IRCS, Tripura, Shri. Prasenjit Biswas and General Secretary H. S. Balasubramanya-IRCS, Karnataka State Branch

An ad-hoc committee has been constituted in Madhya Pradesh to supervise the work of the state Red Cross branch as the tenure of the previous committee had expired. The committee consists of the following:

Additional Chief Secretary, MP Govt, Health and Family Welfare Department or the officer nominated by them, Commissioner, Health and Family Welfare Department, Bhopal Commissioner, Bhopal Division, Bhopal, Member Coordinator

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