



Situation & Update Report#2 (06-04-2020)

MWS COVID-19 Response: Supporting Daily Wage Earners

a) COVID-19 situation in Azamgarh:

- Three COVID-19 positive cases in Azamgarh District on 4th April 2020
- 8000 people are on quarantine in different villages/locations in Azamgarh
- Government has started a WhatsApp group of all Village Pradhan's in the district
- Based on estimation and sampling more than 25000 daily wage labourers are affected in Azamgarh because of COVID-19 lock down. They are not able to earn and survival is at risk.
- There is need of about 350000 masks (initial approximation based on population, and vulnerable community) in Azamgarh to protect community from the spread of COVID-19.
- At community level there is hardly any understanding of social distancing
- Government efforts a) involved asha workers in pre-screening of all villagers b) turned all government schools in quarantine canters c) daily monitoring of lock down by senior officials c) essential services are in operation

b) MWS COVID-19 Response:

Mijwan Welfare Society (MWS) has started responding to COVID-19 from 2nd April 2020 by supporting the daily wage earners through a) Dry Food grain Kit -Includes rice & dal b) Hygiene kit-includes two mask and two soap per person per week. Apart from this MWS has also distributed mask to general community.

Update of MWS COVID-19 response and distribution (as on 08/04/2020):

Support Offered and community reach	1st-2nd Day	3rd-4th Day	Total
People reached	240	320	560
Food grains distributed (in Kg)	310	800	1110
Masks distributed	240	2580	2820
Soaps distributed	240	1280	1520

c) Innovation by MWS team:

- MWS started a distribution system of 'pick & go' where we keep the material at one place and people come one by one after wearing face mask and pick-up the MWS Food & Hygiene kit and go. This helps to maintain social distancing and neither community nor any MWS staff get in contact with anyone.
- Focus on identifying the most vulnerable through local staff and avoid duplication (where already someone is distributing food materials) through daily getting updates from local media and newspaper.

d) Key challenges for MWS team in distribution:

- Making community to understand 'social distancing'. It's very difficult to convince community on 'social distancing'. To overcome this MWS team is guiding and community on social distancing and before distribution ensure that everyone must have mask.
- At present we are the only key NGO working on supporting daily wage earners. There are certain organisation and individuals who are also engaged in food and health kit (mainly mask) distribution, but most of them are not registered and they themselves are not following the basic practice of social distancing. This might lead to give wrong message in community about social distancing.
- Some of us working at MWS are away from our own families, thus managing psychological (especially a sad situation) pressure is another key challenge.
- Its harvesting season, thus farmers have to go out and its difficult to maintain social distancing there. MWS team is also guiding farmers on this.

e) Video links of MWS COVID-19 response

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmn_hDX-WTA

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q9_dmoBuqAg

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3h4eqQ2dEjs>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tFRiD_IDB4E

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhgg7Oi55bY>

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f) Media coverage:

<http://ggsnews24.com/15395/>

https://circle.page/post/2469813?utm_source=an&person=Z3cpie

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g) Pictures from the ground:

You can view pictures from the ground on MWS facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/mijwan/>