

MWS COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE #7 (16.04.2020)

MWS FOOD & HYGIENE KIT DISTRIBUTION IN UTTAR PRADESH

People Reached: 2524

Food Grains (in kilograms): 2720

Packaged Edible Oil (in liters): 12.5

Masks: 7520

Hand Wash Soaps: 2952



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MWS COVID-19 Response: Supporting Daily Wage Earners

a) COVID-19 situation in Azamgarh

- Six COVID-19 positive cases in Azamgarh District on 15th April 2020.
- 8 000 people are under quarantine in different villages/locations in Azamgarh.
- 85 people have been discharged from different quarantine centres
- NGO's have to work in collaboration with the District Administration. NGO's are required to inform
 the district administration before distribution of food material/kits.
- Local government has set the market to buy wheat from farmers



- District administration has issued contact details for home delivery of medicines.
- Government has started a WhatsApp group that include all Village Pradhan's in Azamgarh district.
- Based on estimation and sampling, more than 25000 daily wage laborers are affected in Azamgarh because of COVID-19 lockdown They are not being able to earn and hence their survival is at risk.
- There is need for about 350000 masks. This is an initial approximation based on: a) population, b) people from

गुपा मेडिकल दाल मेइनगर 941583579३ विक्रम मेडिकल इ.स. सरावगीर-9450827425, र्वहरू अपरिवार्च परिस्थितियो भोबाइल नंतर विपत्ती **HEART** बिल्कुल असाराग व्यक्तियाँ दवाओं को जरूरत पदने गर सरायागेर- 9621158052, प्रकाश बहुद्य भेडिसस स्टीर यनवटा किञ्चनदसपुर २००० औ mark 09/99/2666. नजरीकी दया विकेताओं 9452234085 मेहिकल कर्ल पल्डनी-मोबाइल नंबर पर संदर्भ कर मीर्ग कृष्ण मेरिकला हाल प्लानी-9/15983524, यूपी मेरिकला गोसर्थ- 7800776695, भोडकल स्टीर सेरपुर र्वास्त्र मन्त्र पर दल प्रात की जो सकतो है। एक्स्सदीए के अधिनेत वक्षावर्गन-6839527600, गुरा स्थित्स स्टोर नक्ष्यनपुर अध्यागन-१४52541063, स्र वैष्ण मेडिकोज कोष्टास अधिकारी हा, दीनानाब यहत ने बराया कि न्यू रामनाथ मेडिकश पुरुष्य १६८४३५६५११. पुरुष्य १६८४३५६५११. नीहकल प्रत पुरुष्य प्रभूतकपुर-१९४५४६५६५५, एक पर पुरुष्य-टेकम १९१९(१५१८७), पंकल भवेंसे ठेकन-945082533, ऽभिषेक मेडियल शह रखी १९३८१६६६६, सुनेद गोडकल शहा मेहलीपुर वस्बी १४५८६३८६६७, बरमझल मेडियल वाजार-8908256302, देव क्या सामाज-94547250%, **н**аржус-945017903, मुख्यत्त्रभूर स्पेसिलिट सेंटर पुर हानी मेडिकल स्टोर महराजनेल रोहर्वन 9450027380, त्राहरू सिमाना माटीनपंज-११२५ १९११ है, सुधार महिकल स्टीर अहोरीला- 9453346488, बाल मेडिक्स दास मुझारकपुर-१७8567 १४65 म अन्य । प्रीक्षकर हाल कीदनहीं संक्रमण्ड-१९६४७711344 पर सीमाई कर प्री १६५६६५७७५५, सम्बं द्वा करम महीनगंत-9452269914, करमञ्जी मेडिकल 9416347392. इंडरमध्ये महत्त्वा इंडरमध्येत महत्त्वास-१४५३।१४२७५ 8858711344 धर पोर्क कर प्र होम दिलीयमी प्राप्त कर संबर्त है। जीवना गोहकरा न्यू अलका जीवनपुर-9453117251,

vulnerable sections c) our own experience of working in the district d) media reports and mask as one criterion to minimise the risk of spread of COVID-19.

- At the community level there is hardly any understanding of social distancing.
- Government efforts include a) involving *asha* workers in pre-screening of all villagers b) turning all government schools into quarantine centres c) daily monitoring of lockdown by senior officials and local police c) ensuring 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 masks and

two soap per person per week. Apart from this MWS has also distributed masks to the general community.

Area of COVID-19 response: Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh.

Update of MWS COVID-19 response and distribution (as of 14/04/2020):



Support offered and	1st-2nd	3rd-4th	5th-6th	7th-8th Day	9th-10th	11th-12th	13th-14th	Total
communities reached	Day	Day	Day	7tii-otii Day	Day	Day	Day	IOlai
People reached	240	320	200	700	200	440	424	2524
Food grains distributed								
(in Kgs)-only to those in	310	800	720	125	225	275	265	2720
need or dire need								
Masks distributed	240	2580	700	1000	300	1700	1000	7520
Soaps distributed	240	1280	800	100	100	220	212	2952

Source: MWS distribution list

Gender and age dynamics of food and hygiene kits distribution programme (including masks) by MWS

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	Food & Hygiene support (including masks)	Masks only
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Aged (60+)-Female	820	70
Aged (60+)-Male	390	80
Aged (20-60)-Female	410	70
Aged (20-60)-Male	390	130
Aged below 20 years	64	100
Total	2074	450

Source: MWS distribution list

c) Innovation by MWS team

- Focus on identifying the most vulnerable people through local staff and avoid duplication through daily updates from local media and newspapers.
- Engaging local people in the production of face masks.
- MWS food support kit includes ration (2kgs of rice, 500gm of pulses/dal, 2 hand wash soap, 2 safety mask). 3 kits are distributed per individual so that it can last them for 3 weeks i.e One person receives 6 kg of Rice, 1.5 kgs of dal, 6 soaps and 6 masks for 3 weeks. 3 separate kits are being distributed

instead of 1 kit per person in order to ensure that there is minimum or no wastage of food during this difficult time when resources are scarce. If there are 4 members in a family, they would receive 12 kits in total.

• Let us understand Mijwan Welfare Society's system of operation in COMBATING COVID-19 and supporting daily wage earners as:

First Step (Communication)	Through means of technology (phone), media, government sources and local expertise we identify the most vulnerable areas where food and hygiene kits are urgently needed by the daily wage earners.
Second Step (Procurement-supply chain)	Procurement process includes local ration shops as well as the local farmers (both female & male) -food grains (raw) are mainly procured from those farmers who have extra and are not being able to sell their produce during the lock down period. This helps the rural economy to keep going (without stepping out of home) and maintains the supply chain.
Third Step (Packaging)	Packaging of food grains and hygiene support kits are undertaken by ensuring all MWS staff involved are well protected i.e. they wear gloves, masks and maintain social distancing.
Fourth Step (distribution)	•MWS uses a small vehicle for the distribution of kits which enables us to reach the remotest areas and help those in dire need. We use the 'Pick & Go' method. i.e the food and hygiene kits are kept at one place and people after wearing face masks distributed by MWS come one by one, collect the MWS food and hygiene kit and leave.



- MWS team have distributed 50 masks to Phulpur kotwali (Police Station) and 100 masks to different media people.
- Two villages named Mijwan and Itkohiya of Phulpur tehsil in Azamgarh are 100% mask equipped. MWS team has distributed masks to everyone in these two villages.
- From 11th April 2020 we have included cooking oil (250 grams bottle) in our food kit distribution.
- Cost of production of our mask is INR 3.30 per mask (double layered).

d) Key challenges at community level

- This is the season for crop harvesting, but the farming community is facing an extremely difficult situation because of the unavailability of farm labourers who are refusing to work due to the fear of the spread of the Corona virus
- The daily wage earners are worried about their family members stuck in cities like Delhi, Mumbai etc because of the lockdown.
- They fear for their own survival because of shortage of essential items and poor health care in the villages.
- They are also scared of unemployment even after the lockdown ends.
- It is difficult to maintain social distancing in villages because the houses are extremely small with many residing members.
- Lack of knowledge
- Challenges with local leadership
- Misinformation and spread of rumours

e) Key challenges for MWS team in distribution

- The fear of Corona virus has started impacting the MWS team psychologically. It is also causing an emotional strain as some team members working on ground in Mijwan are away from their families.
- MWS team is trying to instil among the local communities the importance of social distancing and ensures that everyone wears a mask before distribution.
- At present we are the only key NGO working on supporting daily wage earners in remote rural areas
 of Azamgarh. There are certain organisations 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 may send a wrong message in the community
 about social distancing.
- Despite the COVID-19 situation the farmers have no choice but to venture into their fields as it is harvesting season. It is difficult to maintain social distancing there. MWS team has also taken up the initiative of guiding farmers on this.
- On one hand the community wants to be safe but on the other hand they are desperate for the lockdown to end as their livelihoods are at stake.

f) Video links of MWS COVID-19 response

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCoL2amO0JnvU0NFYN461v_w

g) 1. Media coverage of MWS COVID-19 response

https://circle.page/azamgarh/news/mezva-is-becoming-a-mask-under-the-direction-of-film-actress-UP2560739?utm source=an&person=Z3cpie/

http://ggsnews24.com/15395/

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

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

https://publicapp.co.in/video/sp_izotht0meseqa

https://circle.page/azamgarh/news/shabana-azmis-call-on-mask-distributed-among-journalists-UP2543868?utm source=an&person=Z3cpie/

g) 2. Important media coverages on COVID-19 in Azamgarh

https://www.jagran.com/uttar-pradesh/varanasi-city-two-more-covid-19-positive-patient-find-in-azamgarh-district-20186859.html

https://hindi.news18.com/news/uttar-pradesh/azamgarh-azamgarh-coronavirus-positive-tally-reaches-six-two-more-found-positive-upaah-upat-3010102.html

https://www.livehindustan.com/uttar-pradesh/story-relief-eastern-up-purvanchal-areas-of-up-covid-19-98-percentage-samples-coronavirus-negative-varanasi-sonbhadra-mirzapur-chandauli-bhadohi-ballia-ghazipur-mau-azamgarh-jaunpur-3145226.html

h) Pictures from the ground: You can view pictures from the ground on MWS Facebook and twitter page: https://www.facebook.com/mijwan/

https://twitter.com/MWSYouth

You can donate to the endeavours of MWS to combat COVID-19 at: https://www.mijwan.org/campaigns/covid-19-support-the-daily-wage-earners/

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