

COVID-19 WEEKLY REPORT

WEEK 8

IMPACT NUMBERS

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Content	Impact Numbers
Total Calls	0
Total Messages	0
Total Dry Food kits distributed	0
SHG Support Families (Covid19 awareness)	200
Total mask production	103
Employment through IVillage	149
Quarantine @PPES Quarantine centre	35

TOTAL TO DATE	
Content	No
Total Calls	4415
Total Messages	116936
Total Dry Food kits distributed	1100
SHG Support Families (Covid19 awareness)	1975
Total mask production	178229
Employment through IVillage	200
Quarantine @PPES Quarantine centre	332

Our COVID relief work spans across 120 villages and a population of 1,50,000.

KALAWATI'S FAMILY – THE PLIGHT OF A FAMILY DURING LOCKDOWN

“The plight of rural families living in poverty is probably the most devastating.”

The nationwide lockdown has disrupted all forms of normal living. It has plunged the entire world into a predicament that nobody was prepared for. Along with the rest of the world, the rural communities of India have been greatly affected, none more so than those of Uttar Pradesh of which Anupshahar is one.

The pandemic and its ensuing lockdown has created loss of livelihood as well as amidst social distancing rules disproportionately affecting migrant workers, daily wage-earners, the urban poor, and other vulnerable groups. Further, the movement restrictions put in place by the government has isolated many rural villages that survive on crop agriculture and had a negative impact on their livelihoods and income. Hunger, lack of sanitary kits, and loss of income to buy essentials had left many helpless. There is a need for both relief and rehabilitation measures, to help the affected and pick the threads again, overcome the loss sustained, and rebuild their lives.

Kalawati's family is one of those families which has been severely affected by the pandemic. Here is the story of her in her own voice:

“My name is kalawati and my husband's name is Laalsingh. I live in a Village named Poonthari village of Daanpur block. My SHG name is Ambedkar SHG. We (me and my husband) work together as daily wagers at Brick making plant. Before the pandemic and its ensuing lockdown our family earning was around Rs 10,000/- per month. There are 6 members in our family.

Due to the Corona pandemic and nationwide lockdown, the brick plant was being closed down and after the lockdown, the monsoon began due to which the plant remained closed for the next 3 months. There was no income in the family and we were forced to take loans to survive. Our biggest concern at present is to revive our family livelihood resources, so we can live a dignified life without any dependency on anyone. We are planning to expand our livestock so that we can earn money by selling milk.

Pardada Pardadi Educational society and their SHG are helping us a lot emotionally and financially during these trying times. During the Lockdown, we could get some extra ration and also received our pending MNREGA daily wage. We received a complete ration kit free of cost. It gave us food security for 15 days.

PPES team also conducted a session to spread awareness about the pandemic and the precautionary measures needed for the safety of our family. We are also expecting some monetary support, so that we can revive our livelihood source.”

Lockdown, though necessary to contain the outbreak, has hit daily wagers, migrant workers, and even beggars very hard.