

RESPONDING TO COVID 19 OUTBREAK

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The dramatic spread of COVID-19 with 2.39 million cases till August 15, 2020, has disrupted lives, livelihoods, communities and business pan India. Behind these statistics is a great deal of pain and suffering. Though, India is doing fairly well with 70% recovery till August 15, 2020. Unarguably the two essential elements to address the pandemic effectively is the unprecedented effort by the government and the involvement of the citizens to embrace new measures. As relaxations to lockdown is gradually unfolding, we must be realistic in dealing with the challenge of learning to live with coronavirus. We need to make the necessitated preventive measures a part of our lives through the process of behavioral change. The government's efforts and the will to fight the pandemic is acknowledged and applauded, we at WISH stand committed to support the system in all possible ways.

WISH works to scale innovations for an equitable healthcare system and make quality primary healthcare available and accessible to undeserved populations. We do this by playing a facilitative role within the healthcare ecosystem to ensure need based, high potential innovations are identified, supported and scaled up within the public health service delivery system.

Situational Report of India at a Glance (As of August 15, 2020)

- Total number of COVID 19 cases across India : **2.4 million**
- Total number of active COVID 19 cases across India : **0.7 million**
- Total number of Discharged : **1.7 million**
- Total number of deaths due to COVID 19 across India : **47,033**

WISH Footprint and COVID-19 Response

The focus areas of WISH's COVID-19 response is:

- Health system strengthening
- Healthcare service delivery and human resources
- Financing, policy, and governance
- Community behavioral change initiatives



Snapshot of State-wise COVID 19 Response by WISH Foundation

Rajasthan



- Capacity building of health workers : Over 430 healthcare providers have been trained through digital platforms on COVID 19 guidelines for Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) and Social Distancing Norms.
- Surveillance & Contact Tracing : Of the 4.1 million members surveyed through home visits, over 16,181 cases were found to have influenza like illness (ILI) symptoms and 0.15 million were found high risk cases.
- Digital Health Initiative: 0.1 million over consults and diagnostic was provided through telemedicine/POCDs: 48,209 were screened for COVID wherein 11,574 OPD patients were identified with COVID symptoms.

Delhi

- State Government was supported to set up control rooms for strategizing & overseeing COVID measures.
- Surveillance activities were initiated to monitor contact-tracing and screening
- Virtual capacity building of 177 medical officers of Mohalla Clinics in four batches was undertaken.
- Consultations: Out of 0.7 million consults, 0.2 million people were found to have COVID symptoms.



Madhya Pradesh



WISH supports the Government of Madhya Pradesh to launch tele-consultation services e-Sanjeevani. Boon to those who were not able to consult doctors of apex institute like AIIMS Bhopal due to accessibility, financial and time constraints.

- Tele-Medicine program was implemented in 51 districts of MP, the total outbound calls made from April 1 to August 15, 2020 was 0.6 million and a total of 0.9 million Home quarantined people were followed and checked up through calls as per reports received from the districts.
- WISH provided support and facilitated the establishing and operationalizing E-Sanjeevani OPD primarily for Non Covid patient/cases. 75 doctors of 51 districts were trained on the entire module of E-Sanjeevani OPD during the period from 2 May to August 18, 2020 and 699 consultations were undertaken.
- 14,746 pregnant women (PW) were outreached through tele-calling between June 10 and August 15, 2020. 7,811 were HRPW in COVID affected districts/areas.
- In the Maternal Health division, a technical subcommittee was formed that conducted meetings and investigated 12 covid positive obstetric cases. This was facilitated by WISH team.
- 18,675 healthcare staff attended online trainings and webinars at the district, block and sub block level for Covid and Non-Covid modules.
- A tele-medicine pilot project with under a tripartite agreement between AIIMS, Bhopal, NHM MP and WISH was initiated. This is a hub and spoke model where, AIIMS will be the hub and 50 PHCs in 4 districts will be the spokes. Specialist services in gynaecology, paediatrics and general medicine will be covered in the pilot phase. This was inaugurated by the Health Minister of Madhya Pradesh on August 18, 2020 at Salamatpur and Dehagaon PHCs of Raisen district.

Assam

- WISH has fast-tracked the use of technology for outreach services to evade home visit amid COVID 19. Capacity building activities in all 20 tea gardens for service providers was scaled up. Containment strategy was rolled out and isolation wards in APPL's tea garden hospitals was set up.
- Capacity building: 755 Health workers and community leaders across facility of Kamrup metro and tea estates were capacitated
- Out of the 29,332 OPD patients screened, 1,683 people were found to have flu like symptoms and action were taken in principle as per the government guidelines.



Uttar Pradesh



- Health service providers in twenty-three UPHCs and in a DH and Mahila hospital in Gorakhpur districts were provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) kits.
- Capacity building through e-learning platforms: support was extended for conducting training and capacity building workshops for 1,108 ASHAs and 210 ANM in Shravasti and 2,238 ASHAs and 425 ANM on COVID in Fatehpur. 310 health care providers in Gorakhpur were trained.
- Community surveillance: 28 staffs are supporting screening of COVID -19 in 39 urban wards across 12 UPHCs of Gorakhpur along with government service providers.

Way Forwards/ Planned Interventions

WISH Foundation India will continue supporting the government of Rajasthan, Delhi, Assam MP and UP in their COVID containment and mitigation measures, by:

- Setting and smooth functioning of COVID control rooms
- Overseeing the effective execution of geographic quarantine efforts
- Overseeing social distancing measures in community
- Supporting community surveillance activity
- Conducting screening and facilitating testing of suspected case per new testing guidelines from ICMR including point of care test
- Setting up isolation ward at our health facilities in accordance to GOI guidelines
- Facilitating telemedicine units
- Capacity building of health service providers amid evolving changing guidelines with roll out of self-training module for health care providers
- Provision of PPE kits to health service providers
- Community awareness and communication activities

Join us in the battle against COVID!!