ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯ ಕೃಪೆಗಾಗಿ

ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಬದಿಗೊತ್ತಲ್ಪಟ್ಟವರ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳನ್ನು ಎತ್ತಿ ಹಿಡಿಯುವುದು ನಮ್ಮ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಆದ್ಯತೆಯಾಗಬೇಕು

ಕೊರೊನವೈರಸ್ ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗದ ಹಿನ್ನೆಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸಮಗ್ರ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಾಗಿ: ದಿ ಕನ್ಸರ್ನ್ಡ್ ಫಾರ್ ವರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಚಿಲ್ಡನ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯ ಹಕ್ಕೊತ್ತಾಯ

ಇಂದಿಗೆ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರ ಮಟ್ಟದಲ್ಲಿ ಆಗಿರುವ ಲಾಕ್ ಡೌನ್ ಘೋಷಣೆ ಮಾಡಿ 10 ದಿನಗಳ ನಂತರದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಬದಿಗೊತ್ತಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಜನರಲ್ಲಿ ತೀವ್ರವಾದ ನೋವು, ಸಂಕಟ, ದುಃಖ ಹಾಗು ಅನಿಶ್ಚಿತತೆಯು ಉಂಟಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗು ಅವರು ಇದರ ಪರಿಣಾಮವನ್ನು ಮಾರ್ಚ್ 23 ತಾರೀಕಿನ 15 ದಿನಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆಯಿಂದಲೇ ಅನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದರು. ಅವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಕೀಟನಾಶಕ ಔಷದವನ್ನು ಸಿಂಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವಷ್ಟು ಅವಮಾನೀಯ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಅವರು ಎದುರಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಹಾಗು ಅವರೆಲ್ಲ ಒಟ್ಟಾರೆಯಾಗಿ ಎದುರಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಭಯಾನಕ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗಳು ಹಿಂದೆಂದೂ ಕಾಣದಿರುವಂತಹದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕೋವಿಡ್ – 19 ಸಾಂಕ್ರಾಮಿಕ ರೋಗವು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡಿರುವ ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಬಿಕ್ಕಟ್ಟು ದೈತ್ಯಾಕಾರೀ ಪ್ರಮಾಣಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳೆದಿರಲು ಕಾರಣ ಸರ್ಕಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಲ್ಲವಾಗಿದ್ದ ದೂರದೃಷ್ಟಿ, ಅಗತ್ಯ ಅನುಭೂತಿ, ಅಗತ್ಯ ಯೋಜನೆ, ಸಮನ್ವಯ ಹಾಗು ಬದ್ಧತೆ. ಇದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ದೇಶದ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಬದಿಗೊತ್ತಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಒಳಿತಿಗೆ ಅತಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚು ಹೊಡೆತ ಬಿದ್ದಿದೆ. ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಲೋಪದೋಷಗಳು ಆಳವಾದ ತೊಡಕುಗಳಂತೆ ತೋರುತ್ತಿದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಜನರ ಜೀವನದ ಮೇಲೆ ಭಾರಿ ವ್ಯತಿರಿಕ್ತ ಪ್ರಭಾವವನ್ನು ಬೀರಿದೆ. ಕೆಲವೊಂದು ಸ್ಥಳಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ರಕ್ಷಣೆಯ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಜನರು ಅನುಭವಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಹಿಂಸಾಚಾರವು ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಆತಂಕಕಾರಿಯಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಇವನ್ನು ಈ ಕೂಡಲೇ ನಿಲ್ಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ. ಈಗಾಗಲೇ ಬಹಳ ಅಮೂಲ್ಯವಾದ ಸಮಯವು ಕಳೆದುಹೋಗಿದ್ದು, ನಾವು ಏನೇ ಮುನ್ನೆಚ್ಚರಿಕೆ ಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಂಡರೂ ಬದುಕುಳಿಯುವ ಅಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಹೋರಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಿಲಿಯಾಂತರ ಜನರ ಜೀವಗಳು ಪ್ರಶ್ನಾರ್ಥಕವಾಗಿ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆ.

ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಈ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಅತೀ ವೇಗವಾಗಿ, ಸೂಕ್ತ ಹಾಗು ತಕ್ಷಣ, ಆಂತರಿಕ ಹಾಗು ದೀರ್ಘ ಕಾಲಿಕ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುವ ನಿಟ್ಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತುತ ಇರುವ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯು ಇನ್ನಷ್ಟು ನಿಕೃಷ್ಟ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗೆ ತಲುಪುತ್ತದೆ. ಈಗ ಒಂದು ನಿಮಿಷವನ್ನೂ ವ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡದೆ ಸಮಗ್ರ ದೃಢವಾದ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆಯನ್ನು ನೀಡುತ್ತಾ, ಅತೀ ಸಣ್ಣ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೂ ಗಮನ ನೀಡುವುದು ಅತ್ಯಗತ್ಯವೆಂಬುದು ಬಹಳ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಎಲ್ಲ ಗಲಭೆಯ ನಡುವಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಕೆಲವು ತುರ್ತು ಹಾಗು ಪ್ರಗತಿಪರ ಕ್ರಮಗಳು ಪ್ರಶಂಸನೀಯ. ನಾವು ವೈದ್ಯಕೀಯ ಹಾಗು ಇತರ ಅಗತ್ಯ ಸೇವೆಗಳನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲರನ್ನು ಪ್ರಶಂಸಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ವಿಳಂಬಿತ ಕ್ರಮಗಳಿಂದ ಅನೇಕ ತೊಡಕುಗಳು ಎದುರಾಗಿದ್ದರೂ ಅವುಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಪ್ರಾಮಾಣಿಕವಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಅನೇಕ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಪ್ರಶಂಸನೀಯ. ನಾಗರೀಕ ಸಮಾಜದ ಜನಪರ ಗುಂಪುಗಳು ಈಗ ಮುಂದಾಗಿರುವ ಸವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ಎದುರಿಸಲು ಸಜ್ಜಾಗುತ್ತಿದರೂ ಈ ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಗಳು ಸಧ್ಯಕ್ತಿನ್ನು ಸಮಗ್ರ ರೂಪ ಪಡೆದಿಲ್ಲ. ಜನರಿಗಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಸವಾಲುಗಳನ್ನು ನಿವಾರಿಸುವ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ್ದಾಗಿದೆ. ಮುಂದಿನ ದಾರಿ:

ನಾವು ದಿ ಕನ್ಸರ್ನ್ಡ್ ಫಾರ್ ವರ್ಕಿಂಗ್ ಚಿಲ್ವನ್ ಪರವಾಗಿ ನಿಮಗೆ ಬರೆಯುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಾವು ಪ್ರಮುಖವಾಗಿ ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಹಕ್ಕುಗಳು ಹಾಗು ರಾಜಕೀಯ ವಿಕೇಂದ್ರೀಕರಣ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾರ್ಯ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಮ್ಮ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯು ಮೂರು ಬಾರಿ ನೊಬೆಲ್ ಶಾಂತಿ ಪುರಸ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ನಾಮ ನಿರ್ದೇಶನಗೊಂಡಿದ್ದು ನಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನೀವು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು www.concernedforworkingchildren.org. ರಾಜ್ಯದ 29 ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿನ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಹಾಗು ಗ್ರಾಮ ಸಭೆಯ ಸದಸ್ಯರ ಒಕ್ಕೂಟವಾಗಿರುವ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ಹಕ್ಕೊತ್ತಾಯ ಆಂದೋಲನದ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಕೂಡ ಆಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ನೀವು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕಾಣಬಹುದು: http://gpha.weebly.com/

ನಾಲ್ಕು ದಶಕಗಳ ಕಾಲದ ಕೆಲಸದ ಅನುಭವಗಳಿಂದ ಹಾಗು ಕಳೆದ ವಾರದ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಯ ನಮ್ಮ ನೇರ ಗಮನಿಸುವಿಕೆಯಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ಆಲೋಚನೆಗಳನ್ನು ರೂಢಿಸಿ, ರಾಜ್ಯದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಹಾಗು ನಗರ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಒತ್ತನ್ನು ನೀಡಿ ಪರಿಸ್ಥಿತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಅನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಸಾಮಾಜಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹಾಗು ಆರ್ಥಿಕವಾಗಿ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಬದಿಗೊತ್ತಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಜನರಿಗೆ ನಮ್ಮ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಕ್ರೋಢೀಕರಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ನಾವು ವಿಶೇಷವಾಗಿ ಗಮನಿಸುವ ಗುಂಪುಗಳು ಯಾವುವೆಂದರೆ: ಬಡತನದ ರೇಖೆಯ ಕೆಳಗೆ ಬದುಕುತ್ತಿರುವ ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಹಾಗು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಕೊಳ್ಳದ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಚಲನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಲಸೆ ಸಮುದಾಯದ ಕುಟುಂಬಗಳ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಶಾಲೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಕೊಳ್ಳದ ಸೇರಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ದುಡಿಯುತ್ತಿರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ಹಾಗು ಹದಿಹರೆಯದವರು ಮಕ್ಕಳನ್ನು ಆರೈಕೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ಮಕ್ಕಳು ತಮ್ಮ ಕೆಲಸದ ಸ್ಥಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಇರುವ ವಲಸೆ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ಹಾಗು ನಗರ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಬದುಕುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬಡಜನರು ತಮ್ಮ ಮೂಲಸ್ಥಳಕ್ಕೆ ತೆರಳುತ್ತಿರುವ ವಲಸೆ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ನರೇಗಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾರ್ಮಿಕರು ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳು ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ತುಗಳು

ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ತುಗಳು:

ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಸಮುದಾಯಗಳಿಗೆ ಸೂಕ್ತವಾದ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸುಗಳನ್ನು ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ಚುನಾಯಿತ ಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ತುಗಳು / ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಗಳು ಸ್ಥಳೀಯವಾಗಿ ನೀಡಬೇಕಾದ ಪ್ರತಿಕ್ರಿಯೆಗಳಿಗೆ – ಗ್ರಾಮ ಸ್ವರಾಜ್ ಹಾಗು ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಹಾಗು ಭಾರತದ ಸಂವಿಧಾನವು ಆದೇಶಿಸಿರುವಂತೆ ಯೋಜನೆ, ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನ ಹಾಗು ಮೇಲ್ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರಬಿಂದು ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಪ್ರತಿಯೊಂದು ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ಸಿಗೆ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ವಿಫಲವಾದ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಕುಂದುಕೊರತೆ ಪರಿಹಾರ ಕಾರ್ಯವಿಧಾನವನ್ನ ಪ್ರತಿ ಒಂದು ಇಲಾಖೆಗೆ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.

Constituency	Situation	Immediate response	Mid-term response	Responsible Department/agency
Children below the poverty line not enrolled in angawadis or government schools	The dry-ration supplies which the government has committed to (GO: MMAE/ICD/CNP-2/Anganawadi Kendra raje/19-20) is not reaching these children as they are not counted.	These children, expectant or new mothers and adolescent girls, need to be identified and provided immediately with dry rations, drinking water and milk in prepacked one week's supply either delivered to their homes or collected by them from the anganwadi or panchayat.		Grama Panchayats/local elected governments ICDS
Children of migrant communities in transit	Children in transit with their migrant families trying to return home have no access to nutrition, mid-day meals, water and are physically at a breaking point.	These children, expectant or new mothers and adolescent girls, need to be provided with dry rations, drinking water and milk immediately in prepacked one week's supply either delivered to them in their place of transit.		Grama Panchayats/local elected governments ICDS ICPS
	Children in transit are exposed to excessive heat, fatigue and highly susceptible to heat stroke, dysentery, fever and a host of other illnesses	In areas there the workers and their families are congregated, periodic health checks need to be carried out and toll free health line contact details have to be provided for them to reach in times of medical emergencies		Health Department

Children enrolled in	The dry-ration supplies which the	These have to be provided	They have to be	Grama Panchayats/local
angawadis, women	government has committed to (GO:	immediately to children,	sustained for the entire	elected governments
who are	MMAE/ICD/CNP-2/Anganawadi Kendra	expectant or new mothers and	period while the	
pregnant/delivered;	raje/19-20) is not being distributed yet.	adolescent girls, prepacked one	angawadi remains	
adolescent girls		week's supply either delivered	closed.	Department of Women and
		to their homes, present place of		Child Welfare
		transit or collected by them		
		from the anganwadi or		
		panchayat.		Department of Food and Civil
				Supplies
				Sabbues
	Regular health check and milestone	Facilities for emergency health		
	measures are affected.	support has to be ensured		Lealth Danartmant
			Vaccinations and other	Health Department
			regular check-ups have to be continued for	
			children and expectant	
			mothers	
	No supply of sanitary napkins/personal	This supply for adolescent girls	mouners	
	hygiene materials	have to be ensured		
		have to be ensured		
	It is not clear yet if there are specific	This must be done the earliest		
Special attention	provisions for it. The Department of	and helpline numbers to seek		Department of Welfare of
must be paid to	Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens	help in this regard must be		Disabled and Senior Citizens
children with	is yet to give specific directions in this	ensured		
physical disabilities	regard.			
and/or mental				
disabilities. If their				
care-givers are in				
quarantine they				
need to be provided				

for with special care and empanthy				
Children enrolled in government schools	The dry-ration supplies which the government has committed to (Minutes of the Meeting: 20.03.2020-S.R.S. Nathan) for 21 days has not been supplied	This supply has to be ensured immediately	This supply has to be continued after 21 days in all districts (not only those designated as flood affected districts) until schools reopen and hot meals supply can be resumed	Grama Panchayats/local elected governments Department of Education/Office of the Commissioner of Public Instruction
	Children are out of schools are in homes. There is a need to keep them actively engaged. It is not clear yet if there are specific	Door Darshan and All India Radio to broadcast programmes for children of different age groups. Also share them on WhatsApp for sharing on mobiles.		Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens
Special attention must be paid to children with physical disabilities and/or mental disabilities. If their care-givers are in	provisions for it. The Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens is yet to give specific directions in this regard.	This must be done the earliest and helpline numbers to seek help in this regard must be ensured		
quarantine they need to be provided for with special care				

Working children and working adolescents; children who are out of school	Children out of school have to be provided dry-rations	This provision has to be instituted by the government as it does not exist now.	This provision has to be continued through the entire period of the lock down and also beyond.	Grama Panchayats/local elected governments Integrated Child Protection Service (ICPS)
	Adolescent children who are working in the construction section have to be provided support for the Construction Worker's Welfare Fund	The Construction Worker Welfare Fund is yet to be activated. This must be activated and young worker should be allowed to access the allocated fund.	The Construction Worker Welfare Fund and all provisions provided under this welfare fund should be available to adolescent construction workers	Department of labour
	Adolescent workers are not likely to have access to the monthly payment assured to workers in the unorganised sectors.	One-time payment assured to workers in the unorganised sectors has not been instituted yet. This must be instituted, and adolescent workers must have access to it	One-time payment assured to workers in the unorganised sectors has to be continued until regular work opportunities are available both for workers and adolescent workers	Department of labour
	Children are out of work are in homes. There is a need to keep them actively engaged.	Door Darshan and All India Radio to broadcast programmes for children of different age groups. Also share them on	When the situation improves, skill building and other inputs may be provided locally to build the capacities of these	Department of Audio-Visual Publicity and Prasara Bharathi

Special attention must be paid to children with physical disabilities and/or mental disabilities. If their care-givers are in quarantine they need to be provided for with special care	It is not clear yet if there are specific provisions for it. The Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens is yet to give specific directions in this regard.	WhatsApp for sharing on mobiles. This must be done the earliest and helpline numbers to seek help in this regard must be ensured	youngsters to be able to seek viable employment	Department of Welfare of Disabled and Senior Citizens
Children in care institutions	Many children in Child Care Institutions do not have access to support as directed in the GO KRMRSO/IEC/K- 19/47/2019-20.	The provisions explained in the GO have to be ensured	Some of these good practices have to be ensured up to end of the crises period and beyond	Grama Panchayats/local elected governments Integrated Child Protection Service (ICPS)
	Many children who were in CCI have been asked to go home – the soundness of how the decision was taken has to be reviewed.	This is indicative of the number of children who did not required to stay in the CCI. There must be follow up on the wellbeing of the children who have been sent home. If they are not safe, there must	It must be reviewed why these children were sent home. If they had sufficient support at home, then the officials are answerable why they had been retained	

	systems to provide protection to them in their home locations	in the CCIs in the first place!	
Some of these children also require counselling and other support. There are no systems in place now to ensure these.	A system to receive updates regarding wellbeing of children in CCI has to be set up. Follow up on counselling either at the CII or in their homes have to be looked into and provided for	This system has to be continued even after the crisis period is over	Health Department
Some children whose parents are in quarantine are to be provided accommodation by State. Not clear how many such children there are and what the provisions are to provide for the physical and emotional wellbeing of those children	Some CCIs have offered this space, but due diligence has to be carried out to ensure the fitness of these institutions. The Health Department is supposed to provide medical assistance to these children. The system is yet to be functional.		Health Department
Children are out of schools are in homes. There is a need to keep them actively engaged.	Government education department can develop simple worksheets to be reached to children at home.		ICPS
	Door Darshan and All India Radio to broadcast programmes for children of different age groups. Also share them on		Department of Education

		WhatsApp for sharing on mobiles.		Department of Audio-Visual Publicity and Prachara Bharathi
Migrant workers in their place of work and Urban poor	The workers have no work or wages. The GO (No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) is about mitigating economic hardships and providing for the migrant workers and urban poor – the systems to do so are presently gravely inadequate.	One-time payment assured to all workers – to be immediately ensured. This should not be subject to any documentation requirement	This should be continued until job stability of the individual family is ensured.	Local elected governments/representatives In collaboration with the concerned department set up for the specific service
		The Construction Worker Welfare Fund is yet to be activated. This must be activated immediately	The benefits of the Welfare Fund to continue	Overseen by the DCs of each District
	They have no access to food or grains. They are dependent on the civil society donations – such donations are not guaranteed and are presently not covering even a small fraction of the number of citizens who do not have access to food. Some of them do have ration cards but they are in the villages and have been used by the families remaining in the villages.	Availability of food and health support to the workers communities has to be made the responsibility of the local elected governments. Cooking Gas to be provided to all, irrespective of their enrolment in the Ujwala Scheme or not. They have to have access to PDS irrespective of whether they have the ration cards or not.	This support has to continue until the earning capacity of the family is re-established	
	There is a severe lack of supply of food grains and essential commodities due to lockdown of state boundaries and restricted inner state movement. The			

poor are the worst hit as they have no reserves of any kind and are struggling to survive. They have no money to pay the rents of the places they are staying in. This has been prescribed in the GO dated (No. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A)	The guidelines related to transportation of essential commodities have to be streamlined and the different state governments and district officials have to work in collaboration to ensure citizens are not led into food-riots and violence.		
The workers are scared about the future, emotionally highly vulnerable and raring to go back 'home'. They feel they if they reach home, there is at least some security, especially if they become unwell. The insecurity faced by these communities is aggravated by the hostility, social stigmatisation and discrimination they face. There is a lot of pressure on them to 'get out'.	The private landowners who have hired out staying premises to workers should be exempt them from paying rents Senior officials should make an effort to personally assure member of the migrant communities in their jurisdiction about providing them food, water, health care and other required support until the crisis passes. Such instances of overt or implied hostility and discrimination must be swiftly	This support has to continue until the earning capacity of the family is re-established	
	acted upon and the perpetrators have to be punished stringently to send out a clear message to the		

	Impossible to practise physical	community at large that such	
	distancing in their places of stay and	behaviour is unacceptable and	
		will warrant action.	
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		Where-ever possible, alternate	
		places of stay can be identified	
		and communities may be	
		assisted to shift, to ensure	
		health.	
		nearth.	
		Where that is not possible,	
		guidance to be given to the	
		communities to find best	
	No access to basic facilities including	possible to ways to remain as	
	sanitary napkins and personal hygiene	safe as possible.	
	materials.		
		For the communities provide	
		basic necessity kits including	
		soaps and other hygiene related	
		supplies, for each family	
		These may also be supplied	
		along with PDS services to every	
		single family – whether or not	
		they have the Ration Card or	
		not.	
	On the streets and in the communities	not.	
	there are a large number of animals and		
	birds which are going without food right		
		These animals and birds need to	
	now and they must be cared for.	be cared for and arrangements	
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		have to made feed them, this	

		can also be done with support from civil society, by giving out a public call for them to care for the animals and birds in their respective localities.	
Migrant workers in transit to their places of origin	There is a crisis of huge proportion with workers trying their best to reach back to their homes. The GO (No. 40-3/2020- DM-I(A) is about mitigating economic	There is need to provide them with required services and tangible support to stay in their place of work for in the present	DCs – in relation to inter District Migration
	hardships and providing for the migrant workers and urban poor – the systems to do so are presently gravely inadequate.	time (as described above) and to bring them back to their places of stay	Local elected governments/representatives
	In their present locations of stay, they lack safe shelter, water, sanitation, fuel to cook and access to medical services.	These services must include safe shelter space (in their place of stay or in new locations), safe water, effective sanitation, access to good fuel, groceries (or uninterrupted supply of hot meals) and medical services. These services may be mobile and on call.	In collaboration with the concerned department set up for the specific service
	There is a severe paucity of Information that provides assistance and guidance to the communities. Also there are no avenues for them to bring up their concerns including seeking help, food supplies and support during medical or other emergencies.	Information centers have to be set up in central locations and important announcements need to be made through mobile centers – reaching out to all areas to ensure no	

	community is left out. These	
	vans can also maintain a regular	
	route and stop in some specific	
	locations so that people can	
	also have an avenue to share	
	requirements.	
	There have to be toll free	
	numbers to call in case of	
When found in transit, they are being	medical emergencies.	
treated very harshly by the police, and	meandar emergencies.	
abused and cursed. In some states,		
disinfectants are being sprayed on them	The anxiety and the concerns of	
which is humiliating beyond belief.	these communities have to be	
	understood in context. While	
	stopping them, to respect their	
	dignity and to provide them in	
	suggestions and support. Police	
	cannot be allowed to handle	
	them aggressively and be	
	abusive to them. While the	
	discussions are on, they need to	
	be provided with food, water	
	and shelter. For longer transit	
	near tolls, they also need	
	shelter and places to stay.	
People in transit are facing enormous		
hardships along the way, they include	There is need to provide food	
elderly, women, children and those who	and shelter to them along the	
are physically and emotionally	way in designated places. The	
challenged.	State can request for civil	

	society and public support to provide these within district jurisdiction so that the challenge can be addressed in a decentralised manner.		
For inter district transit, there are hurdles in place and stand-offs between districts - causing large numbers of people stranded in district boarders	The DCs of the respective districts have to intervene humanely and provide the best possible solution be it providing safe transit to the place of work or to place of origin depending on the given situation.		
For interstate transit, there are hurdles in place and stand-offs between states - causing large numbers of people stranded in state boarders	The Chief Ministers of the respective States have to intervene humanely and provide the best possible solution be it providing safe transit to the place of work or to place of origin depending on the given situation.		
			Chief Ministers, for interstate Migration
All MGNREGA work has been stopped. Initially because there was an understanding that during the lock	Back wages of MGNREGA have to be paid by the Centre immediately.	As very large numbers of community members who had migrated for	Local elected governments/representatives

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Workers taking part	down no work is allowed. Now there is	The advance payment for	work have returned	
in MGNREGA	a GO that permits it but there appears	MGNREGA work to be paid to	back to their villages of	Labour Department
	to be concerns about safety during the	the workers and Udyoga Mitras	origin, the Panchayats	
	work. Also because of the back wages	has to be ensured. The new	have to be provided with	
	that are due, up to about six months in	wage revision has to be	bulk of the funds for long	
	some situations, there may be	ensured.	term employment	
	reluctance to come to work now.		generation in the	
			villages and MGNREGA	
		All information related to	funds have to be	
		MGNREGA payments to be	directed to the	
		informed to Panchayats for	Panchayats	
		their records and follow up		
		where required.		
		As physical distance		
		As physical distance requirements have now been		
		imposed, work that requires		
		large teams to work together,		
		are not feasible. However,		
		other jobs related to		
		agriculture, drainage,		
		sanitisation etc which require		
		small teams or individual		
		workers should be identified		
		and executed.		
		The work guidelines of		
		maintaining physical distances		
		between workers, provisions of		
		sanitisation, food, clean		
		drinking water and such other		

		precautions and facilities have to be adhered to and ensured.		
Rural Communities	The Distribution of Free Rations for two months is not made available yet. In some the rations for the month of March have not yet been distributed.	The backlog of rations have to be reached to all Panchayats and the two month free rations have to be disbursed urgently.	The supply of free rations and all other facilities have to be continued until economic stability of the community is reached	Panchayats with support from the line departments responsible for providing specific services
	Provisions of basic medical facilities are not ensured, including face masks (where they may be required).	Medical supplies including masks have to be provided, with very clear instructions about when the use of masks is required.		
	There is also a lack of clear understanding regarding what 'social distancing' entails.	Clear messaging in communities and use of easily understandable IEC materials to be shared within the communities		
	In some situations, the people undergoing quarantine are not provided adequate support. In some they are also facing subtle or overt ostracization	There is a need to identify volunteers in the communities who can assist specific families to cope with their quarantine period including access to food and other supplies. Efforts to ensure there is no ostracisation of the affected persons or those who are quarantined.		

	In some communities, workers from other states are residing. In some Panchayats, they are being cared for and provided for to stay on. In some the village members are raising personal donations to take care of the migrant communities or the very poor who do not have their ration cards.	Such practises need to be highlighted and appreciated in public. So that these become the norm, not the exceptions. The Grama Panchayat has to be provided support by the RDPR to ensure food and other supplies for these communities		
	Many animals and birds in domestic care and on the streets do not have access to food or fodder.	Food grains and fodder required by domestic animals as well as those which are on the streets have to be provided for by the local governments. Support of civil society may be requested for as well.		
Grama Panchayats	In most places the Panchayats have set up the Task Forces. In some however, they have not received the revised GO (GRAAP 86 UKHYO 2019) regarding the composition of the Task Forces including special invitees. However, in some the Task Forces are not even set up yet.	The Task Forces have to be set up in all Panchayats, with active involvement of all officials to ensure coordinated actions	These should continue	Department of RDPR
	According to the Gram Swaraj and Panchayat Raj Act, the Panchayats have to be provided discretionary funds to respond to disasters within their		This must continue as mandated in the Grama	

jurisdiction. This has not been done	The Panchayats must be	Swaraj and Panchayat	
now.	provided the discretionary	Raj Act	
	funds without further delay.		
At present the Panchayats are involved			
in awareness generation and in getting			
the people returning to villages from			
other cities/states/countries to undergo			
a basic medical test.			
	Their role in relation to		
	awareness generation has to be		
	streamlined as many of them do		
	not have access to accurate		
	information or support to		
	ensure certain precautions (for		
They do not have access to updated	example physical distancing)		
information about the latest GOs,	which they are recommending in awareness generation.		
guidelines etc	in awareness generation.		
	Reaching all the GOs that are		
	relevant to them is very		
	important to enable them to		
	demand for services and		
	programmes that the State and		
Right now officials are reporting directly	Centre have committed to, to		
to their own departments but not to the	ensure the wellbeing of their		
Panchayats in most cases, even though	communities.		
the Panchayats are the local			
governments in charge. This is			
mandated in the Grama Swaraj and	All officials must be accountable		
Panchayat Raj Act	to the local governments in		

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	They require inputs about good practises from other Panchayats so that they can make the best use of the teams and resources within their communities	whose jurisdiction they function.	
	The Panchayat members are not aware of the elements in the Pradhan Mantri Gareeb Kalyana Yojana (https://www.jagranjosh.com/general- knowledge/pradhan-mantri-garib- kalyan-yojana-1585229963-1) and how it translates in terms of implementation.	The RDPR department and Prasara Bharathi can bring together good practices for sharing on larger platforms for mutual learning and support	
	In few Panchayats, elected Panchayat members belonging to SC and ST communities are not being included in Task Force Meeting. This is unacceptable.	The details of the Gareeb Kaylan Jojana have to be made available to each Panchayat with timelines for fund distribution from the Centre and the State allocations.	
	Going by past experiences, some communities (such as minorities, SC and ST) are likely to be either ignored and neglected in the response of the Panchayat, to the extent of not even creating awareness.		
	In some Panchayats, mask usage is made compulsory and the police are	Such matters must be recognised as violation of Constitution and action must be taken immediately under those	

even carrying out lathi charge against	carrying out such discriminatory	
those who are stepping out without	practices.	
masks.		
	This has to be closely monitored	
	and acted upon speedily as	
	violation of the Constitution.	
	Action must be taken against	
	those carrying out such	
	discriminatory practices.	
	Mask usage is prescribed only	
	to those who are affected by	
	Covid 19; those who have cough	
	and cold and those who are	
	caring for persons affected by	
	Covid -19. The Police and	
	communities must be made	
	aware that masks cannot be	
	made compulsory and if that is	
	done, it will create a shortage	
	for those who require the mask.	
	It will also give a false sense of	
	security to those who are using	
	the mask and they are likely to	
	not follow other sanitisation	
	precautions.	

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