

Campaign against COVID-19

Initiatives By



Disha's Health Portfolio

Disha has worked in diverse areas of healthcare including **communicable and non-communicable diseases**. Disha's main focus in recent past has been on **tuberculosis, breast cancer, cardiovascular diseases and now COVID -19**. Disha has also worked on research and advocacy related to increasing access to healthcare services by marginalized social groups.

Locations of Work during COVID-19

Disha is working at multiple locations to mitigate some of these unique issues faced by migrant workers, urban poor and daily wage labourers. These locations are - **Nasik and Nagpur district of Maharashtra state, Gurgaon – NCR Delhi, South and North Goa- Goa state, National Awareness Campaign for Migrants**

Disha's Interventions during COVID-19

As Disha has been working for the community since more than a decade. During COVID-19 pandemic, Disha is working to address the issues faced by migrants as well as providing solutions for corona warriors working at the frontline.

Disha's collaboration with Government to support migrants and COVID Warriors During COVID-19

Disha has been working to provide affordable and effective solution for protection of frontline workers from COVID-19.

1. Distribution of UV-C Chambers

Disha is facilitating the distribution of the Ultraviolet-C (UVC) chambers to various health care facilities, old age homes and police stations in four states – Maharashtra, Karnataka, Telangana and Tamil Nadu. These UVC chambers work by killing a broad range of bacteria and viruses found on surfaces of objects. They will help in providing disinfection against Covid19 for Covid warriors in places with high footfall and thus keep Covid warriors safe.

2. Awareness Sessions for Front Line Workers

Disha Foundation proactively started awareness programs especially for shelter staff so that they can handle problems of migrants better while keeping themselves safe from Covid19. Making them aware about the symptoms of Corona virus, appealing them not to panic in this crisis situation and helping poor migrants to stay in shelter homes.

The pamphlets or handouts were shared with the migrants or shelter caregivers in order to spread information about COVID-19. It was prepared in Hindi, English and Marathi.

Disha has been working with local administration at Nasik to help setup quarantine facilities in rural areas for returnee migrants outside villages.

3. Guidelines for Shelter Staff and Front Line Workers

Disha has provided support to District Health Office for development of guidelines for government human resource of migrant's shelters who cater various services to migrants. Both video and orientation guidelines have been prepared by Disha Foundation. These guidelines and videos are shared widely in the Maharashtra and other states as a good practice.

MargdarshikSuchana/ Guidelines:-<http://www.dishafoundation.ngo/assets/Pdf/COVID19-GUIDELINES.pdf>

Safety Guideline For Staff of Migrant's Shelter During Covid -19 in India(Hindi):- <https://youtu.be/Q5-cGZtx2Lw>

4. Comprehensive Mental Health Support Programme for Migrants workers and Front Line Workers

Disha Foundation along with Nasik Municipal Corporation and District Collector office have launched a comprehensive mental health support programme at the Shelter Homes for Migrant Workers & Shelter staff in Nashik district. The program provides psycho-social and social protection support to migrants and address their frustrations, anxieties and fears stemming from various concerns during lockdown.



Disha's work With Migrants workers During COVID-19

1. Awareness Sessions for migrant workers

Disha has created awareness campaign for migrants about prevention, hygiene, social distancing, isolation and combating stigma among migrants and urban poor. The awareness is being spread through distribution of Pamphlets in both Hindi and Marathi language as well as by creating an orientation video for better understanding.

Video Link - <https://youtu.be/zzxYI-Y68GU>



2. Food Security

Disha has provided food ration kits at worksites/ construction sites among 5000 migrant families. Kits includes dry ration for two-three weeks.



3. Hygiene kits

Disha has distributed of 2000 personal hygiene kits for migrants in shelters/worksites, quarantine homes. Kits includes bath and cloth soaps, toothpaste and brush, shampoo, comb, masks.



4. Distribution of Sanitary Pads

Disha with the support of funding partners has also distributed Sanitary pads to migrants women stranded at Shelter Homes in Nasik.



5. Rescue of Stranded Tribal Workers

Disha had rescued 1200+ tribal migrant agricultural workers who were stuck in grape farms and other worksites. Data was provided to Tribal Development Department for rescue of such workers, department provided active support to rescue these workers.



Employment Support for Returnee Migrants at Source Areas

Disha in collaboration with Employment Guarantee Scheme office, and Rural Development Department have initiated mobilization and registered nearly 7000 tribal workers in Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (MNERGA). These workers were returnee migrants during COVID19. We are working closely with respective Block Development Officers for jobs creations for the registered workers.



We also worked with Indian post payment bank to open bank accounts of workers, to expedite MNERGA work payments of these workers

Support for Migrants Returning to Destination Cities for Employment



Financial Inclusion of Migrants



On-Arrival Training for Migrant Workers



Legal Support for Migrant Workers



Social Security Awareness for Migrants

Digital Eco-System for Migrants

In order to extend MIRC support on a larger scale Disha has now launched India's first digital ecosystem initiative. Disha has created a mobile app named Shram Gaurav to support migrant workers. Migrant workers will be able to download free app, notify their requirements in terms of services related to health, skill development, job linkages, legal support, financial inclusion etc. Our service agent makes active calls once he gets app notification, and facilitates necessary support to the worker at his nearest location.



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