

COVID-19 STATE- WISE BEST PRACTICES



INTERVENTIONS



Healthcare infrastructure



Protecting child rights



Livelihood generation



Frontline workers



Ensuring ease of living



Dedicated Helplines

DESIGN & METHODOLOGY

Study Design & Methodology

- The study was designed in the form of probing research method, using already existing data and information.
- Existing information is summarised and collated to increase the effectiveness of research.
- For the collection of information/data, resources published in newspapers, research reports, magazines and government reports are used.
- Responses have been collated using desk research of leading English national dailies and other online news portals and magazines to find out COVID-19 responses involving government agencies or district administration.

The final list includes some of the best responses to the COVID crisis, but, not all, due to limitations of secondary research methodology.

KERALA



Population – 35 million



First case – January 30, 2020



6 months into the pandemic
the state has a total of **36932**
cases, **120** deaths and
24042 recoveries (as on August 11, 2020).

DETAILS

MID DAY MEALS



33115 Anganwadi centers delivering free mid-day meals to children at homes. The move benefitted 3.75 lakh children.



The state government is also providing nutritional services to around 4.75 lakh children under 3 years of age and 3 lakh pregnant women.



The ICDS is reaching nearly 13.5 lakh people at home in Kerala. Anganwadi teachers themselves are packing and delivering the food to the homes of children.

Implementation: Across State

PROTECTING
CHILDREN'S RIGHT
TO EDUCATION



Education Department introduced virtual school TV channel. This helped students with no internet access to attend classes.



Neighbourhood Study Centres with television facilities were started



Announced Kerala Fiber Optic Network Project to provide free internet access to economically backward households.

Implementation: Across State

PROVIDING
PSYCHOSOCIAL
SUPPORT



To address the mental and emotional well-being of children, Government rolled out, 'Chiri' (Smile)—the CM's tele-counseling portal by roping in Anganwadi and ASHA workers to aid the efforts.



Government started a project called Ottakalla oppamundu meaning 'You are not alone, we are with you' for children.



Government is addressing the special needs of mentally-ill, children with special needs, distressed migrants and their children through dedicated psychosocial service helpline.



Till date, the psychosocial services have reached out to 11,68,950 people in the state.

Implementation: Across State

MAHARASHTRA



Population – 112.4 million



First case – March 09, 2020



5 months into the pandemic the state has a total of 535601 cases, 18521 deaths and 368419 recoveries (as on August 11, 2020).

DETAILS

PROTECTING
CHILDREN'S
RIGHT TO
EDUCATION



Ministry of Women and Child Development deployed 1.08 lakh Anganwadi workers to impart education via WhatsApp groups of parents during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Implementation: Across State

PROTECTING
CHILDREN'S
NUTRITION



Women & Child Department trained 3500 ICDS Supervisors, 18000 ANM, 60,000 ASHA, 50,000 AWWs for COVID-19 and to provide nutrition support.



Ministry of Youth trained 500 Master Trainers of National Social Service (NSS) to support the programming on Nutrition and COVID -19 and their role in supporting the community..



Cash transfers equivalent to the cost of Mid Day Meal deposited in the accounts of primary & upper primary school students.

Implementation: Across State

JHARKHAND

DETAILS



Population – 30 Million



State with a large rural area having Left Wing Extremist (LWE) presence. Food security, access to quality healthcare and social support are major challenges.



First case – March 2020



5 months into the pandemic the state has a **total of 19469 cases - 10555 recoveries, 194 deaths and 8720 active cases** (as on August 11, 2020)

PROTECTING CHILDREN RIGHT TO HEALTH



PPE kits are being produced in home-based facilities at a substantially lower cost (INR 250-300). This has ensured that the front-line healthcare workers are well equipped.



The State government has issued instructions to all districts to identify pregnant women and children in quarantine centres to ensure they get the care they need.



Districts across the state are preparing line lists of pregnant women, children and other beneficiaries under national programmes and linking them with hospitals or outreach (VHND) services.



May onwards, Jharkhand resumed routine immunisation services in facilities as well as communities. ASHAs and auxiliary nurse-midwives (ANMs) in the state ensured that their lists of pregnant women and children due for immunization were ready.

Implementation: Across State

LIVELIHOOD
GENERATION



Small business and SHGs engaged in production and processing of local commodities like lemon grass oil, tulsi oil, neem, tamarind and other medicinal plants were given contracts to produce hand sanitizers.



Vulnerability mapping through stakeholders' consultations – CSOs, local representatives, district officers, medical experts etc. to help the most vulnerable groups- children, persons with disabilities, HIV patients, elderly people.

Implementation: Across State



DEDICATED HELPLINES



Huger helplines have enabled the distribution of food to over 50000 families.



A dedicated 24x7 pregnancy helpline has been started to connect women with hospitals and ambulance services.



Dedicated Helplines for mental health, child counselling, domestic violence and senior citizens.



Telemedicine's support have been setup.

Implementation: Across State

TECHNOLOGICAL
INNOVATIONS

Phone Booth Sample Collection Centres started to reduce the requirements of highly priced PPE kits & to ensure safety of frontline health workers.

Phone Booth Sample Collection Centres are fast and a cost-effective solution, manufactured indigenously at INR 20,000.

To safeguard the healthcare workers, **CO-BOT** – a low cost (INR 22,000) remotely operated robotic device was developed locally.

CO-BOT was used to deliver food, water and medicines to the patients. Fitted with an internet enabled HD camera with a two-way speaker-mic system enabled doctor and nurses deliver telemedicine.

Implementation: West Singhbhum, Ranchi and Khunti Districts

OTHER INNOVATIONS



Meal on wheels deliveries for the stranded migrants and poor people.



UV based currency sanitisations machines for banks, railways and bus terminals



Sanitisation chambers in COVID 19 designated hospitals were developed indigenously to fight the pandemic.



Migration Survey - Initial survey of migrant workers who were outside the district was conducted.



The survey helped in arranging food, logistics and transport facilities for the 20,000 migrant workers.

Implementation: Across State

CHHATTISGARH

DETAILS

Population – 25 Million

First case – March 24, 2020

5 months into the pandemic the state has a **total of 14030 cases – 9658 recoveries, 117 deaths and 4255 active cases** (as on August 11, 2020)

COMMUNITY SURVEY & SPECIAL CENTRES

Community Surveillance Survey

Detailed Community Surveillance form has been designed by the administration.

Door to Door surveys by frontline healthcare workers in all villages to trace people with travel history and COVID 19 symptoms. The administration has 1800 quarantine centres with a total capacity of more than 50,000 patients.

Mahtari Sadans

Special centres for pregnant women have proved to be most effective measure to safeguard women and new-born children.

These centres have proved to be a boon for returnee migrants. Nutritious food, essential medicines and medical personnel are available 24x7.

Implementation: Kondagaon & Rajnandgaon Districts

FRONTLINE WORKERS

Asha & ANM Workers

- These workers were the first line of defence and played pivotal role in identifying and reporting potential cases.
- They spread awareness and within the community about the disease, prevention, symptoms, home quarantine guidelines, and reporting suspected cases.
- ASHA workers visited all villages with the aim of early identification, diagnosis, isolation & protection.

Anganwadi Workers

- Anganwadi workers are the real heroes in this combat against COVID 19. They packed and home delivered mid day meals to children.
- They have ensured timely delivery of take home rations, essential medicines to lactating mothers and children.

Implementation: Across State

LIVELIHOOD GENERATION

Livelihood Generation

- State witnessed shortfall of PPE kits and masks.
- To overcome the challenge, government joined hands with SHGs to locally produce masks, sanitizers and PPE kits.

Local Manufacturing

- A total of 1500 SHGs have been involved in the production and distribution of nearly 30,00,00 masks daily.
- The masks were priced at INR 12, ensuring profit margins of INR 5 for SHGs.
- Production and distribution of masks and sanitizers generated employment and provided income to thousands of workers.

Implementation: Across State

RAJASTHAN, GUJARAT & HARYANA

DETAILS

Rajasthan: Population – 68 million

First case – March 19, 2020, 5 months into the pandemic, state has a total of 54887 cases including 40399 recoveries, 811 deaths and 1377 active cases (as on August 11, 2020)

Gujarat: Population – 60 million

First case – March 2020, 5 months into the pandemic, state has a total of 73149 cases including 56444 recoveries, 2695 deaths and 14010 active cases (as on August 11, 2020)

Haryana: Population – 25 million

First case – March 2020, 5 months into the pandemic, state has a total of 43262 cases including 36117 recoveries, 500 deaths and 6645 active cases (as on August 11, 2020)

PROTECTING CHILDREN RIGHT TO EDUCATION



Fee waiver and extension. Education department issued advisory to all private schools to give extension for paying fee and waiving of additional charges like building maintenance and library fee.



School children (1 to 12) taught through virtual classrooms and e-learning mobile app platforms.

Implementation: Rajasthan, Gujarat & Haryana

**FOOD
& NUTRITIONAL
SUPPORT**



Take Home Dry Ration delivered to all children in schools and Aanganwadis.



5Kg wheat, 3 Kg rice, 1Kg salt, 1Kg pulses & 1Kg sugar provided to all Non NFSA HHs free of cost.

Implementation: Rajasthan, Gujarat & Haryana

DIRECT BENEFIT TRANSFERS



Cash transfer worth Rs 1000 to all NFSA cardholders as immediate financial aid. (Gujarat)



Cash transfer worth Rs 4000 to all BPL families not registered under as MMPSY. (Haryana)



Cash transfers worth Rs 1000 to families having less than 5 acre of land and annual income of less than 1.80 lakhs (Haryana)

Implementation: Gujarat & Haryana

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