HANDS COVID-19 Response

Situation Updates

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1 Risk Awareness

Telephonic Helpline Number (0343-2111777 & 0346-1111771) reached by nearly 18,000 needy, facilitated for medical advice, lab test and food ration as per set criteria.

Nearly 230 field staff, 2100 Community Resource Persons (CRPs), > 6400 Community Based Organization (CBO) representative, > 21,000 School Management Committee (SMC) Members are oriented on COVID-19 preventive measures in 20 districts across Pakistan.

6,204 awareness raising sessions conducted through Community Health (Marvi) Workers to ensure COVID-19 preventive measures.

Awareness raising session conducted among 1,237 Community Microfinance Groups regarding the precautionary measures of COVID-19 in 20 districts of Sindh, Punjab and Balochistan.

Conducted the survey of >500 parents to support in teaching and learning processes of their children. The idea is to educate students through mobile of their parents.

Trained online more than 100 home based teachers and program staff on different subjects using mobile phones and digital platform application.


Communication gap analysis of teachers for distance learning strategy conducted in 17 districts of Pakistan.

2 Health Services

03 Isolation wards established in Sindh Govt Hospitals at Ibrahim Hyderi & Murad Memon Goth District Malir under PPP

06 Ambulances are deployed to isolation centers and quarantine centers of District Malir under Public Private Partnership

Supply of PPEs including 66,000 disposable gloves; 25,000 Surgical face masks; 3,600 Head covers; 2,600 Long sleeve gowns; 3,600 Shoe covers & 650 hand Sanitizers to HFs in district Malir under PPP project. Additionally, in KHI & Hyd. 4500 hand Sanitizers; 16,000 face masks; 6000 Soaps; 02 Goggles; 02 Tyvek Suits were provided to HCPs with the support of OXFAM. Moreover 305 Suits for HCPs; 40 Dustbins; 67 wall Sanitizers; 582 Antiseptic Soaps; 64 Kits for Sanitarian; 20 Floor Disinfocnt Liquid Chlorine -30 liter Gallon; 08 Bleaching Powder Sodium Hypochlorite - 25 Kg Bag; 38,500 disposable gloves; 45,000 Surgical Gloves; 15,000 Soaps were provided to 22 HFs in 09 districts of Sindh with the support of UNICEF.

19 non-technical staff appointed for Quarantine Centers of Dumba Goth and Gadap Malir Karachi in partnership with Unicef.

930 Health Care Providers (HCPs) & 3600 Marvi Workers, trained on effective use of Personal Protective equipment’s & Corona related Inter Personal Communication.

5154 villages/settlements of 12 districts were reached to continue Reproductive Health & Family Planning services.

152,086 Women of Reproductive Age given health and counseling Services.

22,402 Children, Pregnant and Lactating Women’s received nutrition supplements that is RUTF, IFA, MNP through 07 Out Patient Therapeutic Program (OTPs) through 95 Marvi Workers.

Provision 35,000 soaps for promotion of hand-wash at Marvi centers in Tharparkar, Badin and Umerkot.

HANDS conducted Situation and Gap Analysis (reports available on www.hands.org.pk) regarding state of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) at Quarantine and Isolation Facilities in Sindh.
Food Security & Livelihood (FSL):

Food Ration distribution continues to reach 25,000 families in 30 districts across Pakistan, through “HANDS Food for survival Project” with the support of funding partners and philanthropists.

290 beneficiaries received livelihood support Interest free loan in Umerkot and Sanghar during COVID-19 emergency.

500 rickshaw drivers in Karachi are continuously being supported in Guzra project.

50 beneficiaries received livelihood support in Model UC Project Sujawal. Whereas the vaccination of livestock is reached to approximately 1,600 livestock.

HandWashing: Partnership with PPAF

HANDS conducted a need assessment in collaboration with Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) for 125 revenue villages of 10 Union councils in District Badin, Sindh. The main focus of this assessment was to identify most vulnerable eligible households & type of economic activity / support / inputs that are needed to revive their livelihood in the situation of pandemic COVID-19. This assessment was based on focus group discussions of male & female activists in each village and 6,500 (15%) of door to door household need assessment of beneficiaries.

WASH Services at Isolation Centers/Health Facilities

HANDS has initiated 3 months “Humanitarian Response for COVID-19” for isolation centers / wards of 22 designated health facilities located at District Karachi, Sukkur, Shikarpur, Kharipur, Naushahro Feroz, Sanghar, Hyderabad, Jamshoro, Tando Allahyar, and Tando Muhammad Khan. HANDS will equip the isolation ward / center in term of PPEs. Deploy the support staff, ensure orientation and training to use the PPEs. In addition, it will also mobilize 700,000 population on COVID-19 through awareness raising sessions.

- HANDS managing handwashing stations and WASH services with the support of UNICEF (58 Manual Portable Handwashing Units; 49 Pedal Handwashing Stations; 18 Latrines; 01 R.O Plant; 25 Water Coolers with Filter and 04 Water Dispenser & Filter) at 28 isolation centers and 02 Public Places in Sindh province under Humanitarian Response for COVID-19.
- UNICEF has provided a 7.2 KW solar based 3000 GPD Containerised R.O Plant at Isolation Center in Civil Hospital Karachi with the efforts of HANDS and Hydropark teams.
- HANDS has provided Hygiene kits (Soap: 600; Sanitizers: 2000 and masks 2000) for 2,000 families to Provincial Disaster Management Authorities (PDMAs) of Balochistan & Sindh (from OXFAM).
- HANDS conducted Situation Analysis of Water Sanitation and Hygiene facilities at Quarantine and Isolation Centers in Pakistan.
- FM radio awareness Campaign initiated in 06 districts of Sindh.

Partnership with OXFAM

CoVID-19 Response project in District Badin

Project will support 55 health care providers at DHQ/ THQ, RHUs and 51 LHWs to get trains on Infection Prevention & Control- IPC. The basic PPE kits will be provided to those participants.

20 Hand washing stations will be installed at Health Facilities including RHUs, THQs and DHQ, Badin

Support Disaster Management Authority Sindh through installation of 29 Canopies / umbrellas with messages of Corona preventive measures at Traffic Police / Police Check posts in Karachi city.

Training on alternate livelihood with provision of 40 livelihood seed money, 06 model agriculture forms and 03 fish forms support will be provided in targeted communities.

Partnership with UNFPA

HANDS in collaboration with UNFPA has launched an emergency response project. This project will be implemented in Districts Umerkot, Sanghar of Sindh and Districts Lasbella, Quetta of Balochistan. The project aims to empower the women / girls and youth of the intervention areas through awareness raising regarding the pandemic. The project will also ensure to improve hygiene conditions of the young boys & girls and women of reproductive age in communities.

- Handwashing facilities for young women and men prisoners in jails and shelter homes.
- 480 health care providers will be trained at 60 health facilities.
- Mass media campaigns will be carried out to reach you population and general communities through FM Radio messages, talk shows, IEC material etc.
- 27,000 beneficiaries including men, women and girls will be reached through community awareness sessions.

Networking