The coronavirus, or COVID-19, is inciting panic for a number of reasons. It's a new virus, and there is no vaccine. Its novelty means that scientists aren't sure yet how it behaves they have little history to go on.

**Confirmed Case**: 64,028  
**Active Cases**: 40,406  
**Deaths**: 1,317  
**Recoveries**: 22,305

**Response Goal**:  
To limit the COVID-19 spread and reduced its impact on vulnerable communities

**Province Punjab**:  
District Rahim Yar Khan, Rajan Pur, Multan and Vehari

**Province Sindh**:  
District Dadu and Ghotki

**REEDS Major Response Interventions**

- Community Awareness and Engagements
- Information, Communication Technology (ICT) Intervention
- Education and Communication IEC Intervention
- Food Security and Livelihoods (Distribution of food hampers Kitchen Gardening Distribution of Cash Grants.)
- WASH Intervention
- Support to National and International Networks

**Community Engagements and Mass Awareness**

- Transformation Facilitators (TFs) i.e. trained project volunteers and community leaders mobilized to help diverse backgrounds with reference to age, ethnicity, religion, sex, and financial standing, ensures reach to marginalized as well, such as religious and gender minorities, along with female-headed, widow and disable households
- Staff capacity building through virtual training was tailor-made to be relevant to the Covid-19 and in their various lines of duties in the offices or field organized. Farming communities also facilitated through online learnings
- Key messages by the WHO and National Disaster Management Authority translated in Local languages has been used for community sensitization
- Contextualized IEC material printed and distributed in intervention districts and also provided to Police Department DC office, Health Department, Assistant Commissioner Offices, Social Welfare Department and displayed at busy intersections

**Food Security and Livelihoods**

- 1496 Food Ration distributed among FHH, widow, disable, transgender and low income / daily wagers fulfilling nutritional needs 11,472 persons. While it will continues to reach 10,000 families in 6 districts with the support of funding partners and philanthropists.
- Youth Beneficiaries received livelihood small cash grant support of worth support their small business during COVID-19
- 150 females provided with Kitchen Gardening Seed packs while seeds given in March are now ready to cook.

**WASH Intervention**

More than 1,95397 people received health and hygiene advisory including COVID-19 prevention and control information through corner meeting F2F approach, Mobile Van, Mosque announcement FM Programs in six districts of Punjab and Sindh.

- 5,500 health & hygiene sessions conducted benefitting to 1,10,000 individuals
- 1,000 Hygiene kits including soaps, gloves and masks provided to households & health facilities
- 400 MHM kits provided to females and adolescents girls of the community
- 3000 litter mineral water handed over to District Government for the Quarantine/Isolation Centers of Sheikh Zaid Medical Hospital-District Rahim Yar Khan.
- 200 Personal Hygiene Kits handed over to District Government for the use of positive and suspected patients in quarantine/isolation Centers in District Ghotki.
REEDS outreach 1,95397 Direct Beneficiaries

Health Intervention
- Supply of PPEs including, 5050 disposable gloves, 4050 surgical face masks & 650 hand sanitizers to HF's and general department.
- 4500 Antiseptic Soaps; Face Masks and Gloves; provided to Health centers through District Health Authorities
- 582 Antiseptic Soaps; 3 Floor Disinfectant Liquid Chlorine -10 -liter Gallon provided to 1122 Rescue 1122 in R.Y.Khan.

Networking- District Governments, National and International Networks, Virtual Conferences and Webinar Trainings
- REEDS Participated in National forums including WASH sector partner’s forum, Provincial WASH and Protection working groups, National Nutrition Working Group, National Humanitarian Network (NHN), START Network, District Disaster Management authorities, social welfare networks Provincial Food Security & Agriculture Working Group
- REEDS is leading Punjab Coordination Committee-PPI, network of 20 organizations responding COVID-19 at provincial (Punjab) level, regular monthly meetings are going on with the members and minutes shared accordingly.
- REEDS facilitated a network approach to managerial staff capacity building. Through a series of learning and experience-sharing webinars, capacity building training, Information forums particularly focusing on the steps taken by organizations to blunt the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic ongoing projects as part learning program through different national international networks like Community World Service, Sun Network, PCCHI, GAVI Alliance and Parhao Sabaq.

COVID-19 -Emergency Appeal
Help REEDS to support 10,000 poorest rural families affected by COVID-19
We must come together and support those at risk.
Please donate today!
Ac. title. Rural Education and Economic Dev. Society
Ac. no. 0661766481001652 Branch code. 1626
MCB Limited Rahim Yar Khan

The major needs highlighted are
- Sanitization and PPEs
- Display of more IEC material
- Cash and food for vulnerable households
- Germicide and chlorine disinfection in respective areas
- Provision of face masks and hand sanitizers
- Provision of Hygiene and MHM kits
Youth Leader with Positive Influence
Ashok Kumar, Community leader in one of the REEDS Pakistan projects titled Shared Future supported by KIA (kerk inActie) Netherlands has registered 2300 poor and deserving people in Govt. Ehsaas This Program (PKP 12,000) which was launched by Prime Minister of Pakistan during Covid-19 emergency. Overall 4846 people were registered successfully in Emergency Cash Program by our youth and community leaders. Many of the applications were registered by youth leaders because in rural area most of the people were illiterate and they did not have access of smart phones and internet. Through timely registration, about 960 people have received PKR 12,000. It is a significant contribution of our youth leaders especially Ashok Kumar for most needed families during COVID-19 emergency.

REEDS Become Hope of the Marginalized

Story of Fiaz Masih
People with disability are more likely to be poorer because they are unable to working and are mostly socially isolated. This makes them more vulnerable during the pandemic. Fiaz Masih, 43 years old having 4 family members living in Awami Colony Tehsil Sadiqabad, District Rahim Yar Khan. Although he is physically disabled and used a wheelchair but. He is a tailor and due to COVID and country lockdown situation, he lost his earning source. He was restricted in house and situation was not able to work anymore. One of the challenges he has to face children demands and household expenses with no income source, as it makes him feel more anxious and uncomfortable. He is not receiving any disability allowance, nor registered in PM Ehsaas Program or unemployment benefits scheme. He released his limited saving amount to feed her family. “We have been overlooked, and left behind and that makes us feel very isolated”, he says.

Luckily, Fiaz was among those beneficiaries list that was identified and selected for REEDS Rashan (food) Package support intervention through REEDS volunteers task force and community leaders. When REEDS team reached with Rashan(food) Package at his house he appreciated the team’s efforts and received relief good items in timely and in a respectable manner.

COVID-19 - REEDS Support to Transgender in Rahim Yar Khan

With our passionate mission in mind, REEDS with more than 100 task force members and volunteers are remained active for those who do not have the option of staying home, unemployment and little information of COVID-19. Ms. Qambar, a young transgender, volunteer and an active member of REEDS task force Members launched a campaign to raise funds through Staff contribution fund platform with aim to support 1000 marginalized communities including transgender heavily dependent on begging to meet their daily needs. Complying with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation and Core Humanitarian Standards the package is to their door step in a dignified way. REEDS want trans people and their families to stay safe both from the virus and from any unique problems we may face with this new virus for this purpose proper information and PPEs provided through awareness-raising campaigns to community members explaining the symptoms of COVID-19 and ways to prevent it.

“The crisis reminds us of our collective responsibility towards the marginalized, my request is to make sure you take care of yourself by staying at home and spreading words to others, think about your life first, than your family and community, and protect them too. The Food would be finished once but prayers will remain always in the hearts of my fellow mates ”Qambar believes.

Thanks to REEDS for their generous contribution!