

India - Covid-19 Response & Emergency Action

Project Location: Hussainabad, Palamu District, Jharkhand State



Current Situation

The second wave of Covid-19 is devastating for the people living in the rural areas of Jharkhand. **They suffer from the social-economic impact of Covid-19.** This extremely marginalised community has to deal with much despair and hardship as **they can barely feed their families** due to the lockdown restrictions. Moreover, **they lack all kinds of medical items to treat Covid-19 infections** as primary and community health centers are not well equipped to deal with the sudden increase in cases. The block has **only one government hospital** which has only **very limited facilities and medial personal for the treatment of Covid-19 patients.** The vaccination program is not reaching these people who are based in remote villages.

Project Goal

We support our local partner SSK to **curb the massive shortage of medical supplies in the healthcare facilities, raise awareness on Covid-19 prevention and address the hunger and malnutrition** of at least **1000 vulnerable families** and migrant workers.

Our Indian Partner Organization



Sahbhagi Shikshan Kendra (SSK) was founded in 1990 to promote and strengthen civil society organizations of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Jharkhand. SSK strives for building and strengthening capacities of CSOs through a **people centric approach** placing people at the center of all developmental initiatives.

Activities

Current measures include:

- **Awareness raising** on social distancing behaviour, education on the need for the vaccination,
- procuring **medical equipment** such as oximeters, thermometers or steam inhalers
- ensuring coordination of available infrastructure
- providing needed **personal protective equipment** for the volunteers/front line workers
- providing **medical items** for the village level isolation and health centers
- **facilitating transport to hospitals** for moderate to severe cases with an additional ambulance
- providing **dry rations of food**
- providing **sanitary napkins** to ensure adolescent girls and women can practice safe menstrual hygiene.

Opportunities for Funding

As there is still no relief in sight, **we need your help** to ensure assistance beyond our current project support!

- To strengthen the capacity of the local hospital, a fund of **6.000€** is needed to provide 45 additional beds, PPE kits, masks, oximeters, soaps & sanitizers.
- With **12.000€** we can fund 1000 more families with basic medical and sanitation kits/ dry food rations.
- **22.000€** finances a second ambulance to transport Covid-19 patients to the hospital.

Partial funding is also highly welcome.