Educate Girls begins COVID-19 relief work, distributes ration in far-flung villages of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh

To mitigate the challenges of the global pandemic, Educate Girls, with its reach to over 42,000 underprivileged households, has begun relief work with the distribution of ration kits in 16 of the most affected districts of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak in India has been highly disruptive, destroying both lives and livelihoods. As India entered the 6th week of lockdown, the unemployment rate shot up to 27.1% in April 2020 as per the data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy. With the virus spreading to rural areas, the most remote villages of India have been disproportionately affected with the loss of livelihoods, lack of food, poor access to health facilities, sub-optimal education and other basic needs. Addressing the struggle communities are facing in obtaining rations and daily necessities like groceries, sanitation and masks, Educate Girls has started its relief activities in 1,517 villages which are in dire need of additional support to help absorb the impact of Coronavirus.
Identifying the most affected communities

As Educate Girls works with some of the most marginalized communities in rural India, it is well-placed to support the Government and the rural communities because of its vast reach and ground presence of 14,000 Team Balika (village-based community volunteers). With the help of this strong Team Balika and Field Coordinators, Educate Girls conducted surveys, in collaboration with Anganwadi workers, to understand the on-ground situation. This helped identify 1,517 villages which are in dire need of additional support. These villages have shown a high concentration of out-of-school-children (OOSC) and the supply of essentials like groceries, medical supplies, etc. is barely trickling down to these settlements. In order to identify these regions and households, Educate Girls used an analytical approach of identifying and assessing the number of out-of-school girls, availability of basic groceries and medical supplies, if families having Ration Card and Aadhar Card, access to village through transportation and type of terrain, access and availability of local supplies, among other factors.

The Educate Girls Welfare Kit includes flour, sugar, salt, soya bean, chickpea lentils, red gram, refined oil, red chilli powder, turmeric, coriander powder, and soaps for washing clothes and bathing. The kits are being distributed among those households identified in the survey and families who don’t fall under any schemes and hence, could not avail government schemes for COVID-19.

Relief work begins...

After identifying the most economically disadvantaged villages and families in all the districts, with the help of Team Balika and field staff, the district teams contacted the local District Collector and Additional District Collector to seek approval for the distribution of ration kits. Post approvals, while some districts started distributing the ration kits themselves, others handed over the list of villages and ration packets to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate for distribution, helping the local government functionary to ensure food distribution in their villages.

Educate Girls has been able to rely upon its strong ability to gather, analyse and act upon data using technology and a fully dedicated team. Together with this, it has been able to tap into existing, recently collected data on a vast number of households. This access to and use of information, alongside the collaboration with local government, village leaders and school administration, has led to a rapid and widespread response to the challenges faced in the light of COVID-19 and the lockdown.
Awareness and preventive measures go hand-in-hand

Educate Girls staff and volunteers who were present during the distribution drive also took this opportunity to create awareness about the pandemic. They demonstrated government and WHO-approved measures to prevent COVID-19, including washing hands and sanitizing at home and outside. The district administrations have appreciated the efforts taken by Educate Girls and praised the field staff for their efforts during these times of crisis. They also appreciated our Team Balika volunteers for their selfless efforts for the betterment of the community. Here are the updates from the ration kits distribution drive to over 4 lakh of the most affected households that begun on May 2\textsuperscript{nd} and will continue till May 15\textsuperscript{th}, 2020.

Rajasthan (3,579 COVID-19 Cases as on May 8, 2020)

JHALAWAR: Untimely rains had caused a havoc in the lives of the villagers in Jhalawar. Most of them depend on agriculture for their daily income and are worried about the forthcoming months. Twelve villages were identified in District Jhalawar that needed immediate help on food and groceries. Based on this find, 3,085 ration kits were distributed from May 3-5, 2020 with the support from local authorities.

BUNDI: In Bundi, many people are engaged in agriculture work out of the necessity to support their families. While they are taking precautions like maintaining distance and wearing masks, accessing groceries is becoming a challenge. Thus, the Bundi district team identified 42 villages and prepared 1,176 ration kits that were distributed from May 4-6, 2020.
RAJSAMAND: Located close to Udaipur, it has many tourist spots. While earnings due to tourism have stopped, villagers are finding it difficult to manage supplies, including groceries and other basic necessities. The Rajsamand district team identified 23 villages and prepared 2,750 ration kits for distribution on May 4 – 5, with help from local staff and volunteers.

JALORE: Here villagers are fighting two challenges of loss of income opportunities and the pandemic. The villagers are already suffering because their cumin crops were destroyed by untimely rains. The villagers are also worried about the further spread of the virus as migrant workers head back to Jalore. Here the district team identified 21 villages and prepared 2,480 ration kits that were distributed on May 3-4, 2020.

BANSWARA: With zero mobility, most are worried about the adverse effect on their monsoon crop. Volunteers reported villagers are feeling anxious about the unavailability of food. As most families are on the verge of running out of groceries, Banswara District team identified 29 villages and prepared 2,867 ration kits for distribution from May 4-6, 2020.
UDAIPUR: Villages here are scattered across the Aravalli Mountain Range. Post the lockdown, these villages are struggling to make ends meet.

Our Team Balika reported that the situation is getting worse in some villages as families are barely managing their daily needs. Udaipur District team identified 19 most affected villages and prepared 2,850 ration kits for distribution from May 4-6, 2020.

SIROHI: Most villagers in Sirohi work in a local factory, and since its closure, daily wage earnings have been affected.

With loss of jobs, people are facing difficulty in feeding their families. Basis this, Sirohi District team identified 15 villages and prepared 2,451 ration kits that were distributed from May 3-6, 2020.

BHILWARA: Bhilwara is the most adversely affected. Being a tribal and educationally backward district, it is difficult for people to cope with the Coronavirus. Bhilwara District team has identified 28 villages and prepared 2,741 ration kits that will be distributed from May 7 to 11.
Madhya Pradesh (3,341 COVID-19 positive cases as on May 8, 2020)

**JHABUA:** A tribal-dominated district, which has a large number of families that migrate for employment. The people relying on farming and daily labour work to earn livelihood are struggling due to lockdown. Ration has become the biggest problem as many villages are more than 15-20 km far from the market. Jhabua District team has identified 18 villages and prepared 2,772 ration kits that are being distributed from May 3-7, 2020.

**DHAR:** It is the closest to Indore, which has become the epicentre of the epidemic in the state. Here, due to a migratory and illiterate population, many are not able to avail the arrangements government and local authorities have made for them. Dhar District team has identified 36 villages and prepared 2,859 ration kits that have been distributed from May 3-6, 2020.

**BARWANI:** A large part of this district falls in the Narmada submergence area, where last year at least 178 villages were submerged or partially submerged. The transport facility is the biggest problem here since people have built their houses on the hills to avoid the river water. Thus, accessing local market is also an issue. Barwani District team has identified 19 villages and prepared 2,743 ration kits that are being distributed from May 4-7, 2020.
KHANDWA: Many of the villagers in Khandwa come from tribal communities and live below the poverty line.

Educate Girls volunteers are trying to help people to get at least two meals a day. Khandwa District team has identified 62 villages and prepared 4,888 ration kits that have been distributed from May 3-6, 2020.

SIDHI: Working in collaboration with the local administration, Sidhi District team prepared 3,000 ration kits for distribution from May 2-6, 2020.

Appreciating the support from Educate Girls, Neellesh Sharma, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Chitrangi, said, “We have received 3,000 ration kits for Chitrangi block from Educate Girls organisation. Many people have lost their jobs amidst the outbreak of COVID-19 and most affected have been the labour class and tribal people. The people who reside in this block are very poor tribal people and the kits provided by the organisation is what they need the most at this time. It will certainly provide some relief to them.”

ALIRAJPUR: Most people from this area are migrants. Mid-day meals have stopped, jobs have been lost, people are facing trouble in getting access to not just food but medical services as well. Addressing this, Alirajpur District team identified 47 villages and prepared 2,698 ration kits for distribution from May 6-9, 2020.

Uttar Pradesh (3,214 COVID Positive Cases as on May 8, 2020)

Educate Girls is in the start-up phase of operations in the state of Uttar Pradesh (UP). The next phase of ration distribution will begin in Uttar Pradesh after May 10, 2020 reaching over 3,000 households in Banda, Chitrakoot (3,035 kits to be distributed) and Kaushambi.
Continuing on the cause of girls’ education

Along with the distribution of the ration kits, Educate Girls is also speaking to community leaders and families on how to keep children engaged through various learning activities and highlighting the needs of the girl child for proper sanitation and nutrition. It is also taking efforts to keep its communities updated on the various COVID relief measures announced by the government and the processes to avail them. On ground teams are also connecting with the teachers, village influencers, PRI members and village leaders through phone and regularly tracking emerging challenges.

Educate Girls, in line with its mission, continues to promote the agenda for girls’ education and are regularly informing the communities it works with on the importance of girls’ education, gender equality and the opportunities it opens up for the girl child.

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Jhalawar
जलोरे

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