**ChildFund International**

**Humanitarian Situation Report 26**

**COVID - 19 - INDIA**

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Part 1: The Overall Situation

COUNTRY - INDIA

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| Total Number of COVID-19 Cases Reported | Number of Deaths | Number of Cases Recuperated |
| **13,060,542** | **167,642** | **11,913,292** |
| SOURCE: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India [<https://www.mohfw.gov.in/>] |

ChildFund-supported areas (Provide only if you have reliable data on this. You can report on a consolidated basis or by program state/region/province/etc. if you have this detail.)

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| **Sl.** | **Name of State / UT** | **COVID 19 Cases Confirmed\*** | **Cured / Discharged / Migrated\*** | **Deaths\*\*** |
| 1 | Lakshadweep | 778 | 719 | 1 |
| 2 | Dadra Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu | 3,842 | 3,631 | 2 |
| 3 | Mizoram | 4,558 | 4,454 | 11 |
| 4 | Andaman and Nicobar Islands | 5,149 | 5,027 | 62 |
| 5 | Sikkim | 6,323 | 6,090 | 136 |
| 6 | Ladakh | 10,503 | 9,868 | 130 |
| 7 | Nagaland | 12,381 | 12,143 | 92 |
| 8 | Meghalaya | 14,165 | 13,883 | 151 |
| 9 | Arunachal Pradesh | 16,873 | 16,788 | 56 |
| 10 | Manipur | 29,463 | 29,001 | 375 |
| 11 | Chandigarh | 29,521 | 26,017 | 389 |
| 12 | Tripura | 33,644 | 33,103 | 393 |
| 13 | Puducherry | 43,242 | 40,555 | 687 |
| 14 | Goa | 60,811 | 56,638 | 842 |
| 15 | Himachal Pradesh | 67,511 | 61,902 | 1,096 |
| 16 | Uttarakhand | 1,05,498 | 98,712 | 1,744 |
| 17 | Jharkhand | 1,32,790 | 1,22,383 | 1,158 |
| 18 | Jammu and Kashmir | 1,35,662 | 1,28,020 | 2,019 |
| 19 | Assam | 2,19,272 | 2,15,790 | 1,112 |
| 20 | Punjab | 2,63,090 | 2,29,367 | 7,334 |
| 21 | Bihar | 2,73,830 | 2,64,730 | 1,595 |
| 22 | Haryana | 3,07,510 | 2,87,151 | 3,230 |
| 23 | Telangana | 3,21,182 | 3,03,964 | 1,746 |
| 24 | Madhya Pradesh | 3,22,338 | 2,90,165 | 4,113 |
| 25 | Gujarat | 3,32,474 | 3,07,346 | 4,655 |
| 26 | Odisha | 3,45,526 | 3,38,890 | 1,923 |
| 27 | Rajasthan | 3,50,317 | 3,26,299 | 2,866 |
| 28 | Chhattisgarh | 4,07,231 | 3,34,543 | 4,563 |
| 29 | West Bengal | 6,02,807 | 5,76,328 | 10,370 |
| 30 | Uttar Pradesh | 6,54,404 | 6,06,063 | 9,003 |
| 31 | Delhi | 6,98,005 | 6,63,667 | 11,157 |
| 32 | Tamil Nadu | 9,15,386 | 8,72,415 | 12,840 |
| 33 | Andhra Pradesh | 9,15,832 | 8,93,651 | 7,268 |
| 34 | Karnataka | 10,40,130 | 9,73,949 | 12,767 |
| 35 | Kerala | 11,48,947 | 11,10,283 | 4,728 |
| 36 | Maharashtra | 32,29,547 | 26,49,757 | 57,028 |
| **Total#** | **1,30,60,542** | **1,19,13,292** | **1,67,642** |
| **\*(Including foreign Nationals)** |
| **\*\*(more than 70% cases due to comorbidities)** |
| **#States wise distribution is subject to further verification and reconciliation** |
| **#Our figures are being reconciled with ICMR** |

* The Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) declared as Pandemic by WHO on 12th March 2020. India is amongst 131 countries affected by the Pandemic with first case confirmed on 30th January 2020. On 24th March 2020, the Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi announced 21- day nationwide lockdown, effective from 12 AM on 25th March 2020 - it was **Lockdown 1.0**. Educational, social, political institutions to remain closed. The Centre has decided to close down all its and state governments' offices, public corporations with exception of the emergency services. Again on 14th April’ 2020, **Lockdown 2.0** was extendedfor another 19 i.e., up to 3rd May’ 2020.
* **The Government of India extended the nationwide COVID - 19 Lockdown 3.0 for two more weeks up to 17th May but introduced significant relaxations to allow more economic activities.**
* The Central Government of India extended fourth phase of **Lockdown 4.0** up to 31st May, while giving considerable flexibility to the States in deciding red, green and orange zones of COVID -19 intensity.
* As lockdown 4.0 ends, the **Unlock-1.0** started. the limiting of curbs to containment zones to be demarcated by the district authority based on health ministry guidelines, where only essential services will be allowed in the containment zones.
* On 30th June, Government of India related to **Unlock 2.0** and announced the extension of Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana till end of November to 800 million people providing 5 Kg free rice / wheat to each member of the family along with providing 1 kg pulses to each family per month.
* As per new guidelines of **Unlock - 3.0** Government lifted the night curfew, there shall be no restriction on inter-state and intra-state movement of persons and goods.
* As per Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) circular **on Unlock 4.0** dated 29th August 2020: Schools, Colleges, Educational & Coaching Instiutions will continue to remain closed for students and regular class activity upto 30th September 2020, but online learing shall continue and shall be encouraged.
* As per **Unlock 5.0** dated 30th September: Lockdown shall remain in force in the Containment Zones till 31st Oct’ 2020. Containment Zones shall be demarcated by the district authorities at micro level after taking into consideration MoHFW guideline to effectively breaking the chain of transmission.
* **Unlock 6.0 Guidelines:** Even though the Centre issued no fresh directions [**in its unlock guidelines for November**](https://indianexpress.com/article/india/covid-unlock-guidelines-6-0-no-further-relaxation-says-mha-6898968/), a handful of states have allowed opening up of more activities outside containment zones and announced partial reopening of schools. Earlier this week, the Ministry of Home Affairs stated there would be no further relaxations and the Unlock 5.0 guidelines issued last month would remain in force till November 30.
* From Mid-March 2021, it was noticed that 2nd wave of the Corona pandemic has been started in India with daily new COVID19 cases rising significantly.
* For the past one week, over 100,000 new COVID19 cases are reported - suppressing the previous high of 97,894 in September 2021.
* Because of the rising trend, states like Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Tamilnadu, etc. have imposed night curfews as well as additional restrictions as part of the containment measures.
* India become the fastest vaccinating country in the world, the cumulative number of COVID19 vaccine doses administered in the country has crossed 90 million (9,01,98,673) as on 9th April’ 21.
* Eight States including Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Kerala have shown a rise in the COVID daily new cases. 80.70% of the new cases are reported from these 8 states.
* India’s cumulative recoveries stand at 1,18,51,393 today. The national Recovery Rate is 91.67%

*(\*Data Source- Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, MHA GoI & Media Updates)*

Part 2: The Situation in Areas Where ChildFund Works

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| **Partner Organization (Use Salesforce community identifying code/name.)** | **# of Enrolled and Sponsored Children** | **COVID19 Cases reported in ChildFund Communities (Y/N /Unknown) Provide number if available.** | **Number of Enrolled Children Reported with COVID19 (If available.)** | **Number of enrolled children deceased as result of COVID 19** |
| **Sponsored** | **Enrolled** |
| 1219 / Jaipur Child Development Program  | 647 | 652 | Yes (157) | 0 | 0 |
| 1222 / Manav Sewa Kendra  | 403 | 407 | Yes (12) | 0 | 0 |
| 1224 / Pratapgarh Child Development Program  | 257 | 257 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 2880 / Sultanpur Child Development Program | 675 | 1442 | Yes (8) | 0 | 0 |
| 2883 / Chitrakoot Child Development Program | 1622 | 1793 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4068 / Disha Children's Program | 1929 | 1977 | Yes (36) | 0 | 0 |
| 4117 / Kaushambi Child Development Program | 616 | 620 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4120 / Gogunda Child Development Program  | 1873 | 2160 | Yes (13) | 0 | 0 |
| 4268 / Jhabua Area II | 1253 | 1754 | Yes (2) | 0 | 0 |
| 4269 / Jhabua Area I | 879 | 895 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4270 / Udaipur Area I | 400 | 402 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4271 / Udaipur Area II | 412 | 420 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4355 / Kotra Child Development Program | 97 | 403 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4338 / Delhi Child Development Project  | 404 | 994 | Yes (5) | 0 | 0 |
| 2420 / Dindigul Child Development Program | 362 | 366 | Yes (35) | 0 | 0 |
| 2424 / Kurnool Child Development Program | 274 | 275 | Yes (67) | 0 | 0 |
| 2850 / Anantapur Child Development Program | 1021 | 1735 | Yes (1563) | Yes (1) cured | 0 |
| 2852 / Kanyakumari Child Development Program  | 358 | 360 | Yes (13) | 0 | 0 |
| 2854 / Gangavathy Child Development Program  | 274 | 277 | Yes (19) | 0 | 0 |
| 2856 / Karwar Rural Women & Children Dev SOC  | 754 | 762 | Yes (27) | 0 | 0 |
| 2857 / N K J Educational and Charitable Society | 219 | 220 | Yes (347) | Yes (1) cured | 0 |
| 3030 / Pune Child Development Program | 704 | 1446 | Yes (643) | Yes (1) cured | 0 |
| 3147 / NILGIRIS ADIVASI WELFARE ASSOC  | 221 | 223 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 3701 / Mysore Child Development Program  | 995 | 1156 | Yes (1707) | Yes (1) cured | 0 |
| 3702 / AMALAS KUTUMBA ABIVRUDDI YOJANE  | 227 | 231 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 3704 / ASHA KENDRA  | 305 | 306 | Yes (1) | 0 | 0 |
| 3895 / BALAJI BALA VIKAS  | 914 | 1136 | Yes (210) | 0 | 0 |
| 4080 / Child Development Project - Kakinada  | 603 | 1168 | Yes (712) | 0 | 0 |
| 4082 / Salur Child Development Program | 281 | 284 | Yes (17) | Yes (1) cured | 0 |
| 4125 / Nagapattinam Child Development Program  | 723 | 1431 | Yes (10) | 0 | 0 |
| 4290 / Raichur Child Development Program  | 864 | 960 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4305 / Mumbai Child Development Project | 1012 | 1377 | Yes (3260) | Yes (1) Cured | 0 |
| 4306 / Hyderabad Child Development Project | 746 | 920 | Yes (404) | 0 | 0 |
| 4322 / Vijayawada Child Development Project | 498 | 1115 | Yes (722) | 0 | 0 |
| 4347 / Chennai Child Development Program  | 262 | 262 | Yes (60) | Yes (1) Cured | 0 |
| 9402 / CAPUCHIN KRISHIK SEVA KENDRA  | 186 | 187 | Yes (698) | 0 | 0 |
| 9422 / Child Development Project - Puducherry  | 145 | 149 | Yes (493) | Yes (2) Cured | 0 |
| 0617 / West Singhbhum Child Development Project | 755 | 865 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 1213 / PARIVAR VIKAS CHANDRASHEKHARNAGAR | 253 | 256 | Yes (5) | 0 | 0 |
| 1217 / Daltonganj Area-1 | 257 | 259 | Yes (2) | 0 | 0 |
| 2849 / Kendrapada Child Development Program | 1101 | 1799 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 2879 / CENTRE FOR TOTAL DEVELOPMENT | 244 | 244 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 2881 / Bastar Child Development Progarm | 1029 | 1065 | Yes (28) | 0 | 0 |
| 3900 / Rayagada Child Development Project | 257 | 259 | Yes (190) | 0 | 0 |
| 3993 / Jamui Child Development Program | 375 | 376 | Yes (9) | 0 | 0 |
| 4067 / Koraput Child Development Program | 525 | 1262 | Yes (530) | 0 | 0 |
| 4115 / Keonjhar Child Development program | 1312 | 1794 | Yes (5) | 0 | 0 |
| 4258 / Malkangiri Area Program | 1035 | 1047 | Yes (123) | 0 | 0 |
| 4267 / Daltonganj Child Development Project  | 846 | 858 | Yes (21) | 0 | 0 |
| 4274 / Kalahandi Child Development Program | 933 | 1546 | Yes (37) | 0 | 0 |
| 4275 / Deoghar Child Development Program | 517 | 526 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4297 / Giridih Child Development Program | 302 | 305 | Yes (6) | 0 | 0 |
| 4298 / Jamtara Child Development Program | 256 | 258 | No | 0 | 0 |
| 4299 / Naupada Child Development Program | 456 | 457 | Yes (48) | 0 | 0 |
| 4352/ Bhubaneswar Child Development Program | 353 | 1003 | Yes (14) | 0 | 0 |
| 9502 / Balrampur Child Development Project  | 380 | 384 | No | 0 | 0 |
| **56 Locations** | **34,601** | **45,085** | **12,258** | **9** | **0** |

Note:

* Till date, total 12,258 (additional 1,451 from last sitrep) people from our program areas got infected by COVID19 including 9 enrolled children, All of them got cured and discharged.
* All the sponsorship activities are being undertaken with safety guidelines. Monitoring of child presence & their health status is done through individual visit by field staff.

Child deaths: List any sponsored child (with Partner organization and child ID from salesforce) diseased as a result of COVID19. (Note: These need to be reported immediately following the regular sponsorship protocols.), No cases of death reported from our enrolled / sponsored families.

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| Partner Organization (Use Salesforce identifying code/name.) | What is the status of the program/sponsorship processes (operational/suspended)? |
| Program Implementation | CVS | M&ELevel 2 | Enrollment / Disaffiliation | Sponsorship Communication | DFC |
| ChildFund CO (all the communities in CO) | Resumed with safety guidelines | Planning is in progress | Suspended | Enrolment was resumed with safety guidelines; but currently slowed due to disaffiliation process. | Resumed -Sending the softcopies of the communications and hardcopies as guided by IO | Resumed transferred of DFCs in all the locations |

Note: As a global measure, all sponsor visits have been suspended.

What issues are children in these areas facing (food shortages, safety concerns, schools closure, etc.)?

ChildFund has conducted a rapid assessment to understand impact of COVID19 on health and nutritional service delivery. The following are key findings of the survey:

* While working closely with children during the pandemic in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, where malnutrition is already a major challenge, we have realized that the reduced household income has forced poor families to compromise on essential health and food expenditures. The issue of food security that has arisen from the phenomenon of people losing their livelihoods has affected children the most. Lack of availability of food isn’t just causing hunger, it’s also leading to malnutrition and are adversely affecting a child’s over all development.
* As per rapid assessment by ChildFund, 63% of the surveyed households in reported the lack of access to immunization services. It seems the disruptions in maternal and child health facilities, immunization and supply of nutritional supplement would effectively reverse the last 2 to 3 years of progress in reducing infant mortality within a single year.
* Field animator and mobilizer in almost all locations of the project locations are able to meet the children and families with social distancing. Project staffs are able to reach through phone. Field staffs are conducting field activities in small groups (less than 10) and through home visits

**National level Assessment of perceptions and fears about reopening of schools:**

ChildFund, in collaboration with the Council for Social Development, conducted an assessment to understand the preparedness of the public education system vis-a-vis the perceptions and expectations of the important stakeholders, with the aim to bring the voices from the field to inform the policy decisions in favor of the children on the margins. The survey was carried out in November 2020, with children from vulnerable communities in 20 backward districts in 10 states - Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Odisha, Delhi, West Bengal, Jharkhand and Maharashtra, where ChildFund has its presence. These were the states where ChildFund’s “Inter- Generational Coping and Learning” (IGCL). The sample size was 1,725 children (between grades 1-10), 1,605 parents, and 127 teachers. Key highlights:

* 84% PARENTS and 83% CHILDREN want the schools to reopen as soon as possible.
* 64% CHILDREN expressed the need for extra classes to cover learning gaps and removal of the burden of exam in the year 2021.
* More than 60% PARENTS and 80% CHILDREN found digital learning mode challenging for continuity of learning due to access related issues as well as lack of interaction and discussion in this mode of learning.
* TEACHERS EXPRESSED CONCERNS that school closure will increase probabilities of dropout rates, especially in girls (47%), child labor (52%), and widen learning gaps (57%) amongst other concerns.
* Around 11% CHILDREN said they might dropout. While explaining their reasons, around 51% boys and 43% girls said that they felt their learning gaps have become so wide that these can never be filled.
* More than 50% PARENTS witnessed increased negative behaviour such as anger, irritability, lack of concentration in their children.
* More than 60% CHILDREN also expressed experiencing these negative changes in their behavior.
* Almost 74% CHILDREN were sad because they were missing classroom interactions with teachers and friends.
* Where ChildFund’s IGCL program was implemented to address the social and emotional learning aspects, it was found to play a major role in providing social emotional support, as here,
* more than 75% CHILDREN spent quality time with the family,
* more than 50% CHILDREN were engaged in creative activities like artwork, singing, etc. to cope with negative feelings.

Part 3: ChildFund’s Response

**3.a. Overall**

* Who is or will be leading/managing the response?

The Specialist - DRM is the focal point for this response with the guidance of the Country Director and other SMT members.

* How is ChildFund linked with humanitarian coordination structures, i.e., in which clusters or working groups do we participate? The most recent/next meeting and who is representing ChildFund? Donor meetings we have attended, or missions that we are aware of related to the response?

In India, UNOCHA does not have a presence and Sphere - a coalition of humanitarian agencies in India coordinates humanitarian response activities at national level. Sphere has sectoral committee in line with clusters of UNOCHA and we are member of Protection, Health and Education Sector Committees. As a member of this coalition, we participate in all the coordination activities including participation in the Inter Agency Coordination calls and updating our response activities in the Unified Response Strategy (URS) matrix. The URS matrix captures response activities of all the agencies with their geographic and thematic presence. We are part of different We submit our response activities information on weekly basis to Sphere for updation in online google sheets. The following link will provide ChildFund response activities details in URS matrix.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aLrzi55mc5el6TXDFRLMekg5KyANuUOrCMseZqn__Uk/edit?ts=5e6a1d4b#gid=0>

**3.b. Program Response**

Please organize your program response report as per the 4 objectives included in our global response plan. You can add an additional category if you have response activities planned or executed that do not align with these objectives. For each objective use the questions below to guide your report.

* What kind of response activities or interventions have been executed? What support items are needed or have been collected/distributed?

ChildFund has reviewed and revised its COVID-19 response plan. The revised plan will focus relief intervention targeting 300,000 population across 1,700 villages in 77 districts of 15 states while early recovery and rehabilitation has been reduced prioritising most vulnerable and high impact communities by COVID19. The response plan focuses Food, Livelihoods, WASH, Nutrition, Child Protection and Education. The revised estimated budget is $1.10 million over a period of 12 months. Following are more details on interventions and revised response plan:

* Food baskets targeting 30,000 families
* Intergenerational coping and learning (IGCL) kit targeting 25,000 families
* Hygiene kits for 30,000 families
* Frontline Workers Kit for 1,200 workers
* Agriculture based livelihoods support for 10,000 families
* What is the current progress of implementation vs. the established response plan?

We have successfully implemented all the planned activities of the response plan and benefitted more than planned families and population. The relief and recovery activities benefitted 414,834 populations and following is the plan vs actual.

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| **Intervention Head** | **Unit** | **Plan** | **Progress** | **% Achievement** |
| **Unit** | **Population** |
| Food Basket | HH | 30,000 | 35,655 | 1,53,839 | 119% |
| Hygiene kit | HH | 30,000 | 41,588 | 1,78,197 | 139% |
| IGCL kit | HH | 25,000 | 27,059 | 1,19,940 | 108% |
| Frontline Worker kit including IEC | Kit | 1,200 | 2,499 | 3,42,745 | 208% |
| Agriculture based livelihoods  | HH | 10,000 | 7,490 | 33,271 | 75% |

Below graph indicates the progress against target for all the COVID-19 interventions:

* Who are we partnering or collaborating with to provide our response?

We are implementing the current response activities through our existing local implementation partners of subsidy program as well as direct implementation in grant locations.

* What kind of response activities are you still planning for the coming period?

The relief activities have been successfully implemented achieved as per the response plan. Currently, our focus is more on livelihoods, education, child protection and health.

**3.b.1. Stop COVID-19 from infecting children and families.**

**ChildFund’s Global Response Plan**

To help children and families protect themselves from COVID-19, we are installing community, handwashing stands; educating communities about symptoms, hygiene measures and where to get tested or treatment; and distributing soap, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks to families and frontline, health workers. For children who are being treated for COVID-19 or are subject to quarantine measures, we are creating child-friendly spaces with age-appropriate toys and reading matter. ChildFund India has distributed hygiene kits and IEC materials on COVID19 prevention and management. ChildFund India has distributed hygiene kits and IEC materials on COVID19 prevention and management. As on 9th April 2021, we have distributed 41,588 hygiene kits benefitting 178,197 population including 85,513 children. 39,322 IEC materials on WASH and COVID19 management were distributed.

**3.b.2. Ensure that children get food they need**

**ChildFund’s Global Response Plan**

To ensure that the most vulnerable families can keep food on the table, pay rent and cover other basic needs, we are providing cash for those families most needing this support, such as those who have lost their income because of COVID-19, child or elder-headed households, and/or households affected by disability or chronic illness. Where possible, we are distributing food and basic household items directly, carefully abiding by COVID-19 protection measures - 35,655 food baskets distributed to ensure food security for children and affected families in our program locations. A total of 153,839 population including 73,467 children benefitted from food basket support.

 **3.b.2. 1.** *Cash Transfers and vouchers*

-Is your CO planning or implementing cash transfers or vouchers as part of COVID19 response? NO

- If so, brief description of progress to date.

**3.b.2.2.** *Other responses in relation to objective 3. b.2.*

A new livelihood project has been initiated in Mumbai Slums with the support of HSBC from 1st March 21 targeting 800 women whose families’ livelihood were impacted due to COVID 19 lockdown last year. Identification of business interest among these women, formation of CIGs (Common Interest Groups), provision of entrepreneurship and financial literacy training, support for the initiation / expansion of business are some of the major components of this project. This project is aiming at improving the level of income of these families. Similarly, a new initiative is initiated to support 600 women beneficiaries from our sponsored families to take up livelihood activities. In both the locations rapid survey conducted and beneficiaries identified. Recruitment is under process in Mumbai project. Basic training provided to 600 sponsored families in other locations about the new livelihood initiative, business plans developed by them along with the request were reviewed and finalized. Subsequently, fund transfer was done during the month of March to initiate the livelihood activities selected by the beneficiaries.

**3.b.3. Keep children safe from Violence: physically and emotionally.**

**ChildFund’s Global Response Plan**

We are supporting community-based child protection systems that identify, respond to and refer cases of abuse, neglect, violence or exploitation. We are also providing virtual, online psychological first aid and counseling, and supporting temporary shelters for children who live on the street, providing hygiene supplies, food and other basics. We are also arranging safe and appropriate care for children who are separated from their caregivers due to treatment or prevention measures. ChildFund India has conducted the following activities to mitigate any potential CP risks for children after completion of child protection rapid assessment at local partner level:

* Strengthening of VLCPCs on CP issues & referral pathways/mechanism including conducting safeguarding risk assessment in the community to identify and mitigate safeguarding risks.
* More than 90 Child Protection issues were identified and responded by the respective VLCPC with support from related service providers during January to March 2021.
* As COVID has exacerbated risk factors for children and there are estimates suggesting increase in school dropouts, child labour and child marriage, special interface between the children and duty-bearers called ‘Shishu Sampark Jatra’ were held jointly by State Commission for protection of child rights, ChildFund and Action Aid in Odisha. The children raised their voice on issues affecting their lives and requiring urgent action from the concerned authorities. This campaign was scaled down to districts, block and panchayats levels which helped children share their needs and issues of safety.
* Awareness drives were held in the community on CP issues by using different tools such as wall painting, IEC distribution, audio messaging, folk media etc. by ChildFund and in some places in collaboration with State authorities.
* Capacity building sessions were organized on child rights and life skills for children and parents’ groups that included reinforcement of messaging on the COVID-19 pandemic and preventive measures to adopt such as use of face mask, maintaining physical distancing and frequent hand washing/hygiene.

**3.b.4. Help children continue to do their job: Learning**

**ChildFund’s Global Response Plan**

While schools remain closed, we are supporting children’s learning through activities and tutoring sessions online or by radio. For students without reliable internet access, we are distributing home learning kits with materials and guides for their use. During lockdown, parents and children are bound to spend time inside the premises of their home. Being in a closed premised for a longer duration can have deep psychosocial impact on the children. It is important that they are kept engaged and time is utilised in getting the web of family relationship get stronger. For this, Intergenerational coping and learning kit is being implemented by ChildFund India. As on date, ChildFund has distributed 27,059 such kits in our target locations benefitting 119,940 children and caregivers. In addition to IGCL kits, ChildFund India is undertaking neighbourhood learning sessions across the country, along with our facilitators, a network of government teachers and active community members organize neighborhood classes where 10-15 children of a neighborhood gather in an open space nearby their house, with specially created Neighborhood Class Kit. Multiple neighborhood learning spots are identified within the community and the sessions are conducted on a rotation basis. Through the classes, children learn for at least two hours, at least 2-3 days a week. Every week, they look forward to creative learning with their friends and teachers.

The easy-to-carry Neighborhood Class kit has been designed to enable interactive and fun neighburhood learning sessions for multi grade, multi-level learning for promoting age-appropriate competencies particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. The kit includes books, worksheets, a folding black/ white board, stationary and most importantly, multilingual teaching materials like word cards, poem posters, story strips, etc. that the facilitators use for creating their lesson plans for various grades.

**3.b.5. Other responses**

Hand Washing Demo Sessions with Children:

A total of 865 children (320 Enrolled + 545 Non-enrolled, school children) were sensitized through Hand Washing Demo Sessions at partner location - SHECS, Kakinada. These sessions were organized at our Child Resource Centers and government schools.

A sample Hygiene Kit was distributed among the children to promote infection control in view of COVID-19. The Hygiene Kit consisted of 100 ml Dettol handwashing liquid, 100 ml sanitizer, 125 gms. soap and 12x12 inch hand towel.

ChildFund in **Jharkhand state** is bringing mass level behavior change in schools, through Social Behaviour Change & Communication strategies. The awareness vehicle conducting Handwashing Campaign at schools with further outreach to community level which will lead to more intensive efforts and higher adherence to regular hygiene and safety practices. We are also strengthening the capacities of stakeholders in schools that will help the to outreach at community level for further disseminating right handwashing practices at household level.

ChildFund, Govt. of Odisha - Culture Department and UNICEF has tried out an innovative approach of stage on wheels, whereby folk teams performed through different folk media on a predesigned stage.  The artists performed on curated messages through folk cultural program and tried to pass on critical messages to common public. The awareness vehicles moved in state’s 7 districts targeting 1000 communities including elders, parents, youth and children of all villages in the campaign route in these districts. As planned we have covered 43 Gram Panchayats in all these 7 districts and awareness camps with folk cultural programs conducted in 153 locations moving over 1000 communities in the state of Odisha. Several vehicles have been prepared with innovative posters depicting the Covid Appropriate Behaviour and WASH practices for creating the mass awareness and COVID-19 Vaccination across the state and in 7 districts.

**Snaps from the field:**

 

***Photo: Beneficiaries with food basket and hygiene kits distributed in Delhi slums***



***Photo: Beneficiaries receiving food baskets and IGCL kits in Chhattishgarh***

**Below Sections for Internal Use Only**

Part 4: Office and Staff Status

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Office Status (Open/Closed) | Number of Staff: |
| Diagnosed with COVID19 | Diseased from COVID19 | Working from Office | Working from Home | On Special Leave |
| Open - adhering government guidelines and Return to Office IO guidelines. Except in Mumbai (Maharashtra) where there are government restrictions of 50% staff in office, all offices are operating normally | Fourteen (14) | None | Yes | One (1) | None |

Notes:

* Although rolling out of vaccine has eased out the situation and raised the confidence among people, a sudden surge in positive cases is being reported in the media. We are keeping close watch on the situation and following the health and hygiene protocols. Necessary advisory is issued to staff from time to time and those falling in the eligible category for vaccine have been asked to avail the same.
* From the date COVID19 pandemic started, as on date of this report, 14 staff have diagnosed positive for COVID19 and recovered as per details below, except one staff who is under quarantine/recovery:
	+ 5 staff in Bangalore office, Karnataka, out of which 1 staff is under quarantine/recovery. The said staff is asymptomatic and none of their family member have tested positive.
	+ 6 staff in Bhubaneswar office, Odisha.
	+ 1 staff from EU supported project in Uttar Pradesh.
	+ 2 staff in field location of Madhya Pradesh.
* ChildFund India has resumed only essential domestic travels due to changes in the program implementation model necessitated by amendments in the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA2020). The travelling staff are taking all precautions, following the COVID19 protocol, as also prescribed by the local authorities in each state/district.

Any cases of staff diseased need to be reported immediately to RD and GHR

* Special leave as per [COVID19 Administrative Guidelines](https://childfundintl.sharepoint.com/%3Ab%3A/g/News/COVID-19/ETFAT1mC_8BHjamXXOqMs3gBRsmi2thcbUO4qLhyddl4kA?e=zYbNiC).

Number of staff/partner organization staff completed WHO COVID online training <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/training/online-training>.

Part 5 Human Resources

* Which visitors are there in the country? Please include names, functions, contact information and arrival/departure dates for both IO and RO staff (note: due to the travel ban, this will apply only once the ban has been lifted) – Not Applicable
* Any gaps in staffing/need for deployment from other COs or Global Teams? Not Applicable
* Are there any other major HR issues? Not Applicable

Part 6 Safety & Security

* Are police and other services functioning in the normal manner? Yes
* Are the courts still operating? As per government order
* Are there reports of looting or increased criminality? No
* Have military personal being deployed to patrol towns or cities? Partially
* Confirm the safety of staff and their families in the affected area. Yes
* Have Safety and security risks/mitigation plans been updated to current environment? Yes, actions initiated
* Recommendations around any upcoming travel planned for staff or donors (note: Only once global travel ban has been lifted) Travel is strictly prohibited.

Part 7 Grants

List all active grants:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Grant Job Code** | **Grant Name** | **Donor** | **Status of Implementation** **(Normal/Reduced/Suspended)** | **Any specific guidance received from donor? (Yes/No)** |
| 12-0450D   | INDS-Enhancing CSOs-LA-Gender Equality-2019-EU. | European Union  | Project activity implementation has resumed to normal level. The field level activities are conducted using available technology platforms. The face-to-face activities are conducted with safety protocols issued by the local government authorities. | Yes |
| 10180PIN | Promoting Effective and Context based Initiation of Learning for Life (PENCIL)-My School | HCL F | SDMC Training was conducted in 10 government high schools in Karnataka during March’ 21 on which 226 SDMC members & key parents were participated. At the end, hygiene kits were distributed among the participants that consist of soaps, sanitizer, masks and Lizol.  | Yes  |
| 10180PKN | Vibrant Early Childhood Education Centers | HCL F | As part of HCL Project, the project team provided counselling and also created awareness among beneficiaries through mobile phone in Vijayawada. | Yes  |
|  | PENCIL-Technicolor | Technicolor  | Menstrual Hygiene workshop was conducted at 3 Government High Schools in Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, Karnataka State. Through this program 183 girls were sensitized on menstrual hygiene and hygiene practices to be followed to be safe from COVID-19. At the end of the training program, ChildFund India provided hygiene kits to all the girls, that consisted of: Dettol Soaps – 5 nos. (125 gms.), Sanitizer – 100 ml., cotton masks – 2 nos., nail cutter, and a sanitary pad.  | Yes  |
|  | ARYAKA | ARYAKA | As the schools were closed, the project activities were not conducted. Procurement process have been completed. Field activities are reduced due to COVID -19 | NO |
| 1008F | Khilta Bachpan  | ChildFund Special Project  | The implementation of the activity in the filed level has been reduced at the same the team is regularly in touch with the beneficiaries and community leaders in the field assessing the situation also providing emotional support through the phone calls. Also initiated Khilta Bachpan - Fight against COVID - 19 campaign involving children and other stakeholders  |  |
| 99-0255 | WHEEL 2019 | HSBC | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |
| 2-0331 | Link Workers Scheme (LWS) Project  | APSACS | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | Yes  |
| 2-0343 | Link Workers Scheme (LWS) Project | TSACS | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | Yes |
| 2-0328 | Targeted Intervention Project - Jagitiyal | TSACS | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | Yes  |
| 2-0330 | Targeted Intervention Project – Ramagundam | TPSACS | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | Yes |
| 12-0437 | PEACE Protective, Enabling, Accountable and Child Friendly Environment | FORUM SYD | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |
| 99-0259D | SPLASH 2019- Bangalore  | Technicolor  | Project implementation at the field level has been reduced | No |
| 24-087D | IND-PENCIL  | HCL Foundation  | Project implementation at the field level has been reduced | Yes  |
| 3-0382D | Covid-19 - WASH | UNICEF\* | In March 2021, 43 (Krishna District - 32 and Chittoor District - 11) foot operated handwashing stations were installed at village level secretariats (village sachivalayam) in Andhra Pradesh State. Mandal level staff members in Krishna and Chittoor Districts, Andhra Pradesh State were oriented on COVID-19 preventive measures, which was participated by 600 participants. District Coordination Meetings were held in Krishna and Chittoor Districts involving all stakeholders, PRI members and Department of Health and Sanitation. | No |
| 12-0465D | Child-Friendly & Climate Ready Schools (CCS) | RADIOHJALPEN through ChildFund Sweden | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |
| 99-0265D | COVID 19 affected- continuity of learning | United Way Mumbai | Field level activities are in progress considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |
| 99-0263D | SNEH - Alirajpur | Acuity Partners | Field level activities have been initiated considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |
| New Project | Promoting Hygiene and Sanitation practices among children of Urban slums | Reckitt Benckiser | Field level activities have been initiated considering COVID-19 guidelines – The mission of the project is to promote Hygiene and Sanitation practices among children of urban slums in Mumbai | No |
| 25-067D and 25-068D | eSaksham III - Building Better Future for Youth through employment Hub (Hyderabad & Mumbai) | State Street / Give2Asia | Field level activities have been initiated considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |
| 99-0269D | Ensuring Sustainable livelihood for COVID 19 impacted families through women entrepreneurship  | HSBC | Field level activities have been initiated considering COVID-19 guidelines | No |

* Provide any additional narrative on how the COVID19 crisis affects implementation of your major grants.
* All the grant project team members are fine except one Cluster Link Worker (LWS Project, Adilabad District, Telangana State) who has tested positive and is under home quarantine. All the field team are taking necessary precaution and implementing project activities following government guidelines.
* One staff member from direct implementation team from Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh State has tested positive and is under home quarantine.

Part 8 Funding

Provide information about potential sources of funding, including grant donors, subsidy, Emergency Action Fund, Alliance members, GIK, etc., for these emergency response efforts using the chart below:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Donor** | **Program** | **Amount (USD)** | **Requested? (Y/N)** | **Confirmed? (Y/N)** |
| **Re-Allocation of Subsidy funds at LP level** | Relief phase | 392,113 | Y | Y |
| **Additional Funding from IO**  | Recovery phase | 64,412 | Y | Y |
| **Additional Funding from IO Philanthropy** | Recovery phase | 38,503 | Y | Y |
| **On-going Grant Projects** |  |  |  |  |
| HCL Foundation | Relief | 39,160 | Y | Y |
| State Street | Relief | 13,333 | Y | Y |
| ChildFund Sweden (Kavlifondet) | Relief | 17,561 | Y | Y |
| ChildFund Korea | Relief & Recovery  | 74,000 | Y  | Y |
| UNICEF | Recovery (WASH) | 30,000 | Y | Y |
| United Way | Relief |  16,630 | Y | Y |
| RB India Private Limited | Recovery (Health & WASH) | 225,234 | Y | Y |
| HSBC | Covid Recovery (Livelihoods) | 274,000 | Y | Y |
| Kurlon | Continuity of Education during COVID19 | 38,000 | Y | Y |
| Johnson Matthey\* | Continuity of Education during COVID19 | 68,919 | Y | Y |

\* New grants (awarded in March 2021)

One new Covid related proposal was approved in March 2021 and agreement was signed - project on continuity of education during COVID 19 supported by Johnson Matthey. Below is the funding overview:

Part 9 Media/Communications –

* List of media who will be or have been contacted with press releases. ChildFund has been working with PR agencies to issue press releases/media briefs and engaged in several theme-based interventions.
* List of emergency CO spokespeople, including name, location, contact information, and languages spoken. Ms. Neelam Makhijani, Country Director of ChildFund India in Hindi and English.
* Plans for collecting photos/videos/stories, e.g., should an outside photographer be hired? Initiated collection of photographs through LPs and created one drive folder for uploading of distribution photographs. Not yet engaged external photographer.
* Key points for messaging and visibility, particularly any host-government sensibilities that must be considered. Currently ChildFund is adapting and utilizing the existing IEC materials from government and our own repository.
* Support needed or requested from IO, GSS or Global Teams – whether onsite or remote. Will be intimated as and when the support is required.
* Participated in CovidActionCollab’s campaign on International Women’s Day’s theme (on leadership during COVID times) by submitting a quote by our Country Director. This was published on different social media pages.
* Submitted an entry to participate in AMCHAM’s Annual photo exhibition on our COVID-19 response work.
* Supported with visibility material for the Digital vehicle (Stage on Wheels) awareness campaign on COVID-19 prevention and vaccination in 5 states of India.
* Did a press release on an assessment report, titled ‘Perception, Fears and Readiness for Reopening of Schools’ to understand the preparedness of the public education system vis-a-vis the perceptions and expectations of the important stakeholders, produced by us in collaboration with Council for Social Development. The press release has garnered over 20 media coverages in print and online publications, here are few links for reference -
1. <https://theprint.in/india/64-kids-in-rural-india-fear-they-have-to-drop-out-if-not-given-additional-support-survey/625146/>
2. <https://www.downtoearth.org.in/news/young/more-kids-parents-want-schools-opened-say-difficult-to-cope-without-support-survey-76053>
3. <https://thecsrjournal.in/report-children-reopening-of-schools/>

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