

### ChildFund India striving to support nearly 3 Lac people from vulnerable communities fight the COVID-19 crisis



While the efforts taken by the Government to prevent and control community outbreak of COVID-19 are commendable, the impact of this crisis on the underprivileged families and their children is a huge concern. As India fights against the COVID-19 pandemic, families in villages and urban slums are struggling to get food, basic hygiene items, clean water and healthcare. In response to this pandemic, though many NGOs, institutions and corporates have come forward to extend support there is an urgent need to scale these efforts to help ensure that vulnerable communities have adequate resources and clear guidance on how to keep themselves safe.

Following the guidelines by the Government of India, ChildFund India is taking appropriate and proactive steps to protect children, communities, its partners at the grassroots and staff from this Global Pandemic of COVID-19, in 15 states across the country where it operates. **ChildFund has launched its response to fight the COVID-19 crisis on national level. Through its response efforts, ChildFund India, will support nearly 3,00,000 people across the country, over the next 3 months and scale up in the next few months towards rehabilitation.** ChildFund has initiated distribution of food baskets and hygiene kits to most vulnerable families to ensure food security and family safety. ChildFund has also ensured safety of Frontline Workers and working closely with the local district administration.

As part of its initial response, ChildFund is collaborating with community leaders and local authorities to ensure only correct and adequate information regarding COVID-19 is reaching the communities to reduce panic, supporting Government by tracking people with relevant travel history in their locations & advising returnees to self-quarantine. If any child is suspected to be infected with COVID-19, required support is being provided to the family. Field staff are providing remote educational support to children and youth through online apps and telecommunication amid this crisis and connecting families with government schemes related to this emergency. As per its rehabilitation strategy, ChildFund is working on different possibilities of recovery and rehabilitation interventions, especially, Psychosocial support to children and education continuity at the home settings by providing them with story books, Arts and Sports items. ChildFund will support in restoring livelihoods of vulnerable families and initiate WASH (Water and Sanitation, Hygiene) interventions to increase hygiene practices for sustainable results.