

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF DISTRIBUTION- JHARKHAND

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In the state of Jharkhand, the relief activities have been carried out via the four LM units covering six districts: Chaibasa, Dumka, Godda, Hazaribag, Gumla, and Simdega. Following are a few initial pieces of information of the activities so far been carried out.

- **Dumka and Godda districts:**

The areas, where people needed help most, were identified as Shikaripara, Dumka, Kathikund and Sundarpahari and Simanijor Durbarpur, Bagnol, Kathikund, and Sundarpahari blocks. People were very hesitant to get themselves tested for covid-19 and to receive medicines and other aids. Our community animators and volunteers gradually built up mutual trust and confidence. In order to do this, we first distributed dry ration kits containing rice, Masoor dal, Mustard oil, Channa, Suji, Haldi Powder, and Salt. We have distributed the food kits to around 300 households in the above-mentioned blocks. Other activities such as awareness programs and aids such as testing oxygen levels and temperatures of infected persons, distribution of essential medicines, etc., are still going on. People now have faith in our works. They feel cared for during times of difficulty. We also encourage them to use masks and hand sanitizers.

- In Hazaribagh district there are 8 panchayats, at first, there was confusion regarding the selection and appointment of community volunteers due to miscommunication at the start of the project but the issue has been sorted out, and now the dry rations and medicines are ready to be distributed.



***Kit distribution at Simdega***



***Kit distribution at Dumka***



- Ranchi unit has been implementing its activities in Gumla (Armi, Kumhari, and Puggu blocks) and Simdega (Kesari, Kurdeg, and Thethaitangar blocks). It has completed all procurements and has been distributing them to the most deserving people in the above-mentioned community development blocks. People are very cooperative and happy to receive help.
- Chaibasa unit has been running behind the schedule with regards to procurement and distribution of relief materials. There were some initial restrictions from the administration on NGOs carrying out relief activities in the Chaibasa area. However, they have identified the beneficiaries and the areas for the same.



***Kit distribution at Bhagnol area, Jharkhand***