



## MAHASHAKTI FOUNDATIONS' RESPONSE TO COVID-19

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The Covid-19 outbreak reached pandemic proportion so quickly and explosively that the health and hospital sectors in the world were unprepared. Initially there was an acute shortage of masks & hand sanitizers. In India, the novel corona virus started spreading in the early March. Odisha got its first case on 15 March 2020 from a person who had a travel history from Italy. On 21 March 2020, Odisha Govt. announced the single largest lockdown for Health reasons in Independent India. On 24 March 2020, when Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi addressed the nation, he announced for India under complete lockdown for the next 21 days.

During this time, the major challenge was to reach the villages and sensitize each and every citizen of the country regarding the horrifying consequences this virus can cause and how to prevent it from getting spread and causing destruction.

Mahashakti Foundation (MSF) - a Charitable Trust who has always worked for the destitute & deprived section of the society for last 16 years came forward to show humanity and save the human race in association with its' funding partners. We are operational in 13 districts of Odisha with 1 lakh households. We are taking a greater role in providing emergency support to the people of the community with the esteem support of **Vedanta Limited** Lanjigarh, **ACC TRUST**- Bargarh , **Government of Odisha** and **Local Donors**. MSF is taking extensive measures to check the spread of COVID-19 across its' operational areas.

By surveillance and proper studies on the community and the people, we found that there's n number of problems that needs to be addressed if we want to curve the spread of the pandemic. The lack of awareness on the novel corona virus was a challenge. The major issues that these people faced were low or no income, unemployment and shortage of food.

Therefore, Mahashakti Foundation prepared a route map on how to provide support to the community and save lives. With the esteem support of its existing partners, MSF started providing relief & response to the disadvantaged and poverty stricken people.

### **MSF's Areas of Operation under COVID-19 Response :**

- A: Total District Coverage : 5 (Kalahandi, Rayagada, Bolangir, Khurdha and Bargarh)
- B: Total Block Coverage : 10 (Lanjigarh, M. Rampur, Karlamunda, Ambabhona, Bijepur, Bargarh, Khurdha, Muniguda, Bissam Cuttack )
- C: Total GP Coverage : 40
- D: Total Village Coverage : 126
- E: Total HHs Supported : 35,400

**Following are the activities taken up in response to Covid-19 in our operational areas:**

- Distribution of Masks
- Distribution of dry food packets
- Disinfection sprays in Households
- Distribution of anti- bacterial soaps
- Conducted Awareness Programme on prevention COVID-19
- Cooked meal distribution to people by SHGs
- Demonstration on Hand wash & preventive measures on Corona
- Awareness on social distancing at different rural and urban areas
- Usage of Banners, Stickers & Slogans in public places for the mass awareness

### **Making & Distribution of Masks :**

The shortage of face masks was a clear trouble from the beginning. But panic buying of the masks made the situation even worse. Amid all these, the SHG women started making masks so that each and every citizen of Odisha will have an access to face masks as government made it compulsory to use while stepping out of the house. Our Team members started distribution of these masks in different villages & slums to check the spread of the virus.



*(Preparation of Marks by SHGs)*

### **Awareness Programmes :**

Lack of Awareness about the Pandemic may result otherwise. So, Team MSF decided to go to each and every villages & slums in its operational areas and educate the people on how to fight the deadly virus. They explained the people about the importance of Social Distancing and also demonstrated on the usage of face masks & 20 sec hand washing with soap and water. They also instructed the people to avoid touching their faces as it increases the chance of getting infected.



*(Awareness program to farmers)*



*(Safe Handwash Demonstration)*



*(Distribution of Masks)*

### **Cooked Meals and Dry Food Distribution :**

The basic need of human is food. During this pandemic, when he has no income, no opportunity to work and earn, it becomes difficult for him to feed himself & his family. Then he's left with two options: either to starve or to break the lockdown rules set by the government, which will in return increase the chances of spreading of the deadly virus in the community. To avoid any such chaos, Mahashakti Foundation with the esteem support of its partners came with a humanitarian idea & started distributing cooked foods & dry foods to the deprived section of the society in its operational areas.

*(Distribution of Dry Food Packets)*



### **Photographs of different activities undertaken in last 20 days in different locations of Odisha :**



*( Distribution of Dry Foods by Tahasildar M Rampur Kalahandi)*



*(Sensitisation program on safe handwash)*



*(Distribution of Cooked Foods)*



*( Distribution of dry foods)*



*(Demonstration of Hand Wash Practices)*



*(Preparation and Distribution of Cooked Foods)*



(Awareness Program at Tribal Villages)



(Dry Food Distribution by BDO, M Rampur Kalahandi)

Media Highlights in leading Print Media (The Sambad -Odiya and The Samaj-Odiya Daily)

### ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ରିଲିଫ୍ ବଣ୍ଟନ

ମୁନିଗୁଡ଼ା, ୨୩/୪ (ଭମିପ): ମୁନିଗୁଡ଼ା ବ୍ଲକ୍ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ଜଗନ୍ନାଥପୁର ପଞ୍ଚାୟତର ଗଡ଼ିଗୁଡ଼ା ଗ୍ରାମରେ ଥିବା ଡୋକରା ଶିଳ୍ପାମାନଙ୍କୁ ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ରିଲିଫ୍ ବଣ୍ଟନ କରାଯାଇଛି। ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ମୁଖ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ସୁଗନ୍ଧା କିଶୋରୀ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକଙ୍କ ନିଜ ଗ୍ରାମରେ ଥିବା ୨୦ଟି ପରିବାରଙ୍କୁ ଆଳୁ, ଡେଇ, ବିସ୍କୁଟ, ମୋଚର, ଲୁଣ, ସୋୟାବିନ, ଲଙ୍କା ଗୁଣ୍ଡ, ସାବୁନ ଆଦି ବଣ୍ଟନ କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ବଣ୍ଟନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଡୋକରା ଶିଳ୍ପାମାନଙ୍କ ବାସିନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଥିବା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ମହେଶ୍ୱର ବ୍ରହ୍ମଚାରୀ, ସୁମୁଖାର ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ଦଳେଇ, ସିଆରସି ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ସ୍ୱାଇଁ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଯୋଗଦେଇ କରୋନା ମହାମାରୀ ଦାଉରୁ ରକ୍ଷା ପାଇବା ପାଇଁ ନିୟମିତ ସାବୁନରେ ଡାଟ ଧୋଇବା, ମାସ୍କ ବ୍ୟବହାର, ଜରୁରୀ କାମ ଥିଲେ ହିଁ ଘରୁ ବାହାରିବା ପାଇଁ ଘର ଘର ବୁଦ୍ଧି ସଚେତନତା କରାଇଥିଲେ। ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମକୁ ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ତପନ କୁମାର ନାୟକ ପରିଚାଳନାରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରିଥିଲେ।

### ମିଳିତ ସହଯୋଗରେ ଶୁଖିଲା ଖାଦ୍ୟ ବାଟିଲା ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ୍

ମଦନପୁର, ୨୫/୪ (ଭମିପ): କଳାହାଣ୍ଡି ଜିଲ୍ଲାର ଅଗ୍ରଣୀ ସ୍ତେଷ୍ଟାସେବା ସଂଘର ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ଓ ମ.ରାମପୁରର ଛିଛି ବତାନ୍ୟ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତିଙ୍କ ସହଯୋଗରେ ଶୁଖିଲା ଖାଦ୍ୟ ବଣ୍ଟନ କରାଯାଇଛି। ମ.ରାମପୁର ବ୍ଲକ୍ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ, ପିପରପଡ଼ା, ଅରବିନ୍ଦପା, ବାଲାନୁଗ୍ରାମେ ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ସଂପର୍କିତ ଯୋଗାଣକ କେନ୍ଦ୍ରରା, ଜ୍ୟୋତ୍ସ୍ନାକ୍ଷ ପ୍ରକାଶ ବଜ୍ର ସାହୁ ବୁକ୍ସଟ ପରିଚାଳକ ଆଳୁ, ବିସ୍କୁଟ, ସୋୟାବିନ, ସାବୁନ, ଲୁଣ ବ୍ୟତୀତ କର୍କିବା ସହିତ ସାମାଜିକ ଦୁରତା, ମାସ୍କ ବ୍ୟବହାର, ସରାବା ଶତପଥୀ ଓ ପ୍ରଭୃତ ମିଶ୍ର ସାବୁନରେ ଡାଟ ଧୋଇବା ଉପରେ ସଚେତନ କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ମିଳିତ ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥାରେ ମ.ରାମପୁରର ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ପ୍ରକାଶ ସାମଲରା, ବ୍ୟବସ୍ଥା ନବୀନ ଅଗ୍ରୱାଲ, ସଚିନ ଅଗ୍ରୱାଲ, ରବି ଅଗ୍ରୱାଲ ରିଲିଫ୍ ସାମଗ୍ରୀ ଯୋଗାଇ ଦେଇଥିଲେ। ୮ ଶହ ପରିବାରକୁ ଏହି ସାମଗ୍ରୀ ବ୍ୟତୀତ ପାଇଁ ଭିତ କରାଯାଇଛି। ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ଚୌର ରଣା, ପ୍ରମୋଦ ନାଏକ, ବରୁଣ ଦାଶ, ପ୍ରମୋଦ ମୁରାରି, ଜ୍ୟୋତ୍ସ୍ନାକ୍ଷ ନାଏକ, ସରାବା ଶତପଥୀ ଓ ପ୍ରଭୃତ ମିଶ୍ର ପ୍ରମୁଖ ସହଯୋଗ କରିଥିଲେ।

### ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ସଚେତନତା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ

ମ.ରାମପୁର, ୨୫/୪ (ଭମିପ): ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ବିଭିନ୍ନ ଲୋକସଭା ସଂଗଠନ ପଛରୁ ପ୍ରଚାରଣ କରିବା ସହ ସଚେତନତା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମ କରାଯାଉଛି। ମ.ରାମପୁର ବ୍ଲକ୍ ଅନ୍ତର୍ଗତ ଡୋକରା ଶିଳ୍ପାମାନଙ୍କୁ ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ପକ୍ଷରୁ ରିଲିଫ୍ ବଣ୍ଟନ କରାଯାଇଛି। ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ମୁଖ୍ୟ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ସୁଗନ୍ଧା କିଶୋରୀ ପଟ୍ଟନାୟକଙ୍କ ନିଜ ଗ୍ରାମରେ ଥିବା ୨୦ଟି ପରିବାରଙ୍କୁ ଆଳୁ, ଡେଇ, ବିସ୍କୁଟ, ମୋଚର, ଲୁଣ, ସୋୟାବିନ, ଲଙ୍କା ଗୁଣ୍ଡ, ସାବୁନ ଆଦି ବଣ୍ଟନ କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ବଣ୍ଟନ କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମରେ ଡୋକରା ଶିଳ୍ପାମାନଙ୍କ ବାସିନ୍ଦ୍ରରେ ଥିବା କାର୍ଯ୍ୟ ନିର୍ବାହୀ ଅଧିକାରୀ ମହେଶ୍ୱର ବ୍ରହ୍ମଚାରୀ, ସୁମୁଖାର ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ଦଳେଇ, ସିଆରସି ମନୋରଞ୍ଜନ ସ୍ୱାଇଁ ପ୍ରମୁଖ ଯୋଗଦେଇ କରୋନା ମହାମାରୀ ଦାଉରୁ ରକ୍ଷା ପାଇବା ପାଇଁ ନିୟମିତ ସାବୁନରେ ଡାଟ ଧୋଇବା, ମାସ୍କ ବ୍ୟବହାର, ଜରୁରୀ କାମ ଥିଲେ ହିଁ ଘରୁ ବାହାରିବା ପାଇଁ ଘର ଘର ବୁଦ୍ଧି ସଚେତନତା କରାଇଥିଲେ। ଏହି କାର୍ଯ୍ୟକ୍ରମକୁ ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନର ତପନ କୁମାର ନାୟକ ପରିଚାଳନାରେ ସହଯୋଗ କରିଥିଲେ।

### ମହାଶକ୍ତି ଫାଉଣ୍ଡେସନ ତରଫରୁ ଶୁଖିଲା ଖାଦ୍ୟ ବଣ୍ଟନ

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## Activities Undertaken :

SI	Type of Activities /Interventions	No HHs /Persons Benefited	Supported by	Description
a	Distribution of Masks	80,000 Persons	ACC TRUST, Bargarh (CSR) Vedanta Limited Lanjigarh (CSR) Bargarh, Municipality, Bargarh, Odisha SIDBI PSIG	80,000 masks has been stitched and distributed to the community through the Women Federations i.e Shaktimayee Foundation, Kalapunaruthan Producer Company and Pratignya Trust at Kalahandi Bargarh and Khurdha districts of Odisha
b	Distribution of Dry food and Sanitation Kits	4,500 HHs	ACC TRUST, Bargarh, Municipality, Bargarh, Vedanta Limited Lanjigarh Local Donors	4500 Dry food and Sanitation Kits (Rice, Dal, Sugar, Tea, Turmeric Packets, Soya Badi, Biscuits, Salt, Chuda, Oil, Onion, Potato, Bath Soaps, Washing Powder, Sanitiser, Napkin etc.) has been distributed
c	Disinfection sprays in Households	35,400 HHS	ACC TRUST, Bargarh, Municipality, Bargarh, Vedanta	Village Sanitization and spray of disinfection with bleaching has been done in different areas
d	Cooked meal distribution to people by SHGS	4,000 HHS	Municipality, Bargarh, Women SHG	Till date, 18,200 cooked meal packets has been provided to the needy and also to the people who are completely dependent on outside food courts and hotels. The SHG women took the lead with the support of Municipality.
e	Awareness on social distancing, Hand hygiene at different rural and urban areas	5000 HHs	Mahashakti Foundation & Community	Awareness on Social distancing and COVID -19 programmes were held to educate the farmers, PRI members through FGD and information banners.
f	Village Cleanness drive	2000 HHs	Mahashakti Foundation & Community	Project staff members and women SHGs are directly involved in the village cleanness drive
g	Mobilization of Local recourses and skill towards the income generation	556 HHS	Existing Donors of Mahashakti	More than 556 skilled women from 189 SHGs from different project areas of Kalahandi, Khurdha and Bargarh are involved in preparation of Face Masks for prevention of COVID -19



Apart from above our team helped Government Departments, CSR houses to deliver different emergency services with community. We also sensitised community to access different facilities being declared by both State and Central Government.

### Way Forward :

- Identification vulnerable households affected by this pandemic and continuation of required support services.
- Referral and family counselling those who are returning to their family as per the guidelines of Govt.
- Linkage and leverage with different agencies for the enhancement of the livelihood of affected households.
- Coordination with Government and related stake holders for accessibility of different services for the needy.
- Planning for a long term strategic plan for the affected households to recover their livelihoods.

### Stand with Us :

Mahashakti Foundation seek your support to procure dry ration, masks, food etc related materials to distribute among the needy being affected by this pandemic. There is an urgent need of food, different livelihood opportunities, family counselling, Healthcare and awareness for the country's poorest and most vulnerable communities.

### Donate for COVID 19 Response\*

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