SCOPE INDIA - COVID PANDEMIC RELIEF REPORT

Disaster Risk Reduction and Management

Since 2004, Scope India has been a pivotal force in disaster response and management. During the devastating Tsunami, Scope India facilitated the construction of 342 houses for the most vulnerable. 1873 village level and 995 Gram Panchayat level sensitization programmes were conducted in which 40,152 persons had participated. 8800 DMC members including 1760 women members were trained on disaster mitigation and risk management in 440 vulnerable Gram Panchayats in 2 districts. Mock drills were conducted to create awareness through action on how to handle disaster situations in practice in 23 blocks and 995 GPs and 1078 vulnerable villages in the 5 districts. Totally, 43,180 community people have realized the need for precautionary measures in any disaster situation during the mock drill programs. 24 block level, 995 Gram Panchayat level and 1024 village level Disaster Management Plans were prepared in these 5 districts with the fullest participation of community members.

In the wake of the Thane cyclone, Scope India provided temporary shelter and food grains to 1,800 families, along with educational materials for 500 children. A community kitchen was established in Thoothukudi, serving 1,400 families over seven days. Recently, A medical camp was set up that offered healthcare services across nine villages in the Kurunchipadi block for a month.During the Nivar cyclone, Scope India's relief efforts reached over 5,000 families, and provided essential items like clothing, tarpaulins, and food grains.

COVID PANDEMIC RELIEF

During COVID-19 pandemic, Scope India operated a war room to coordinate covid relief work for 6 months, rescued 348 homeless individuals, and provided them with food and shelter for over three months, conducted door-to-door symptom testing, supported home isolation with volunteers, operated 12000 SWAP test points, and facilitated 10 mobile vehicles to transport affected individuals to hospitals and a 300-bed isolation ward. A help desk with 200-volunteers was set up, alongside food distribution to 70 home isolated families, awareness programs and Covid vaccination campaigns in Cuddalore corporation and Villupuram Municipality through three mobile campaign vehicles, and home care for chronically ill patients during the pandemic. Scope India also provided food and other support to 500 most vulnerable children rescued from the Villupuram railway station for a month and distributed safety kits to 870 families and provided telephonic counselling.

Municipality's COVID response through volunteers

A Project initiated by Scope India in Cuddalore District

PROCESS DOCUMENTATION: PRE - COVID response Activities

1. NDMA letter of approval for the Response Program

2. Identification, mobilization & volunteers team formation

3. General survey for identification of Asymptomatic patients by volunteers team on in 45 wards

4. SWAP test [RT / PCR] set up in GH supported by Municipality

DURING - COVID response Activities

5. Setting up control room with help desk, action plan, phone call maintenance

6. Safety kit for volunteers - face shield, gloves, sanitizer etc.,

7. Official uniform, ID card for identification of volunteers by public

8. Announcement by Municipality for preventive & protection measures

9. GH allocating volunteers for front - line workers

Identification of poor people in 45 wards and distribution of food products in medical emergency

Creating containment zone in all 45 wards with the support of municipality workers & Volunteers

12. Isolation ward preparation for Siddha Unit in GH

13. Mobilization of Ambulance services for shifting positive cases during lock down period.

14. Mobile vehicles arrangement for SWAP test

Catering to the daily needs of volunteers regarding food & other essential requirements

16. Follow up with survey

Process

Follow up activities with symptomatic patients

- Arranged 9 vehicles for taking **"positive patients"** for swap test
- Screening the **"primary contacts"** of positive patients. [all their **family members**]
- Identifying the **"secondary contacts"** of positive patients. [all their **neighbours**]

Care & Support services to the positive patients

- Screening & **Admission** of positive patients **with high symptoms in GH**
- Screening of positive patients with low symptoms
- Municipality team & Volunteers setting up **"Isolation Centre"**

Isolation Centre set up & Activities

- Volunteers **shifting some patients** with low symptoms to Isolation Cantre in **Siddha ward** for one week observation with proper treatment
- As per need, few patients with low symptoms shifted to **Allopathy ward** for one week observation with prompt treatment

Volunteers concerted efforts **in prevention & protection measures** → Volunteers screeing the patients and segregate some of them for **"Home Quarentine"** as per health condition → Final round of **re check of SWAP** test's result and regularize follow up process

POST - COVID response Activities

Health Approach	Emotional Approach	Financial Approach
• Follow up with hopspital patients regading high - risk & Isolation • Medical counseling & nutritional diet recommendation • Awareness on Asymptomatic & Symptomatic conditions • Motivation for Free Vaccination	• Focus on Psycho - social counseling for individuals & community members • Close follow up with primary & secondary contacts of all the positive patients [family members & neighbours]	• Arranging govt fund after the death for the family. • Mobilize for free supply of grocery, food supplement • Network with NGOs for education help/ livelihood support for affected children & women • Help people avail Health insurance for future security • Data collection of orphaned children, pregnant women & widows for sustainable livelihood



Greetings from NULM of Scope India...

As a Shelter Management Authority we feel the responsibility to safeguard the residents of our Shelter and the homeless people in and around Cuddalore. We would like to convey our heartfelt thanks to our District Management including our District Collector, Thasildhar, Revenue Department, Disaster Management, PO DRDA, Cuddalore municipality Commissioner, District Social Welfare Officer, DCPO, and PRO for giving their kind support directly for us to help the vulnerable community through volunteers for Covid 19 Pandemic threat.

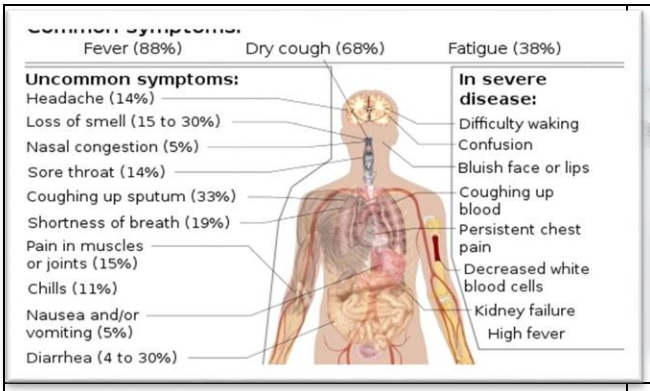
In this regard we would like to list out the steps taken by our Scope India NGO.

1. Group of volunteers identified and formed through various Whatsapp coordination Groups in our Cuddalore District. As per the advice of our Managing Trustee **Dr. S. Sathiyababu** the volunteers are coordinated by **Mr. Jose Magesh** and **Mr. Ramkumar** and separate teams were formed with different tasks.





2. Our volunteer's team started to give awareness about the Covid-19 disease, Signs and symptoms of the disease, Route of Transmission of the disease and the Precautions to be taken in the hotspots and various areas in Cuddalore.







3. Volunteers distributed food to the Homeless people every day.







4. Our Managing Trustee **Dr. S. Sathiyababu** contacted the District Administration to provide a rescue and maintenance shelter for the homeless people. Our District Management immediately gave permission and allotted the Cuddalore Municipal School to access as a Temporary Shelter for this Covid-19 Pandemic.




5. Our Volunteer's Team started to rescue the homeless people from various areas of Cuddalore like Cuddalore New Town, Cuddalore Old Town, Thirupadhiripuliyur, Semmandalam, Manjakuppam, Pudupalayam, etc.,







6. Our NGO staff members are allotted for various duties including Gate Keepers, Care Givers, Monitoring & Reporting, Stock Maintenance, Drivers. Nurses were appointed to give first aid treatment for the residents of this temporary shelter.






7. Awareness on self cleaning techniques and Social Distancing were regularly given to the inmates of the shelters by our volunteers.






8. New dresses, Mats and bed sheets were given. Food, snacks and refreshment were given regularly on time to the residents.










9. As of now there are no issues in the shelter as the District and Municipal Administration, Police Department are supporting us directly.

Cuddalore Municipality's COVID response through volunteers

A Project initiated by commissioner in Cuddalore District

Second phase covid-19 response team Volunteers and NGO

By

SCOPE INDIA DISASTER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

5- A/1 Ramadass Naidu street, Pudupalyam, cuddalore

A. **Background Note**

- With the second wave of COVID-19 sweeping across various parts of Tamil Nadu, Cuddalore district is one of the most severely affected districts in Tamil Nadu. As on 29th April 2021, it is for the first-time deaths crossed the three-digit mark for Tamil Nadu, and with 40 deaths. At the end of the day, there were 1,12,556 active cases, the death toll reached 13,933 and cumulative cases 11,48,064. At least 34 of the 37 districts had more than 100 cases and 22 districts reported deaths. Cuddalore district is reported to have total 25322 cases from 2020.



B. Challenges faced during the Pandemic

- The initiative taken by the cuddalore municipality commissioner, he called all the staff and the NGO'CBO's, CSO who are working i n and around cuddalore Municipality. There were more than 100 members participated and during the meeting, He suggested to have NGO CBO coordination unit and to provide a space at municipality. In this coordination team



there 7 NGO's and 13 CBOs were more than 14 volunteers participated.

- **C. Plan of action** All the positive cases have been calcified, Home quarantine, Hospital admission and isolation ward sifting. for which separate team of volunteers assigned to carry out the task
- A special task fours for taking care of Homeless people there were more than 140 people and more than 60 Migrants were and other road side people.

Methodology

Awareness Creation

1. By Placing holdings at the prime locations
2. By staging Street play if permitted or we can take video and circulate among the volunteers
3. By arranging Public audio propaganda
4. By doing Door to door visit and distribution of pamphlets through volunteers. Personal sensitization on the severity

Initiative with the following Objective suggest by Municipality



1. To sensitize the general public in Cuddalore municipality areas about the Covid second phase and the importance of vaccination
2. To organize vaccination camps at the Ward / institutional door steps of the community and motivate them to utilize the vaccination facility utmost.
3. Conducting mobile swap test through volunteers and cover the maximum people.
4. Assigned volunteer for conduct tracing of primary and secondary conduct and do the swap test through mobile swap test;
5. Assigned special team to conduct special camps where ever the symptoms are more are positive cases are available both home quarantine.

FIELD VISIT VOLUNTEER



1. To sensitize the general public in Cuddalore municipality areas about the Covid second phase and the importance of vaccination the volunteers visited house to house and identified symptomatic patients and told them about the importance of vaccination and properness of their pashe

D. Coordination effort extended through NGO /volunteers coordination through covid Control room

- **There are various suggestion put forward that**
- Awareness for all the community on the covid protocol that each and every one should follow during the lockdown.



- Coverage of Vaccination to all the community in urban areas through DPC's, Animators and Volunteers. The entire maniple has divided in to 9 zones, and each zone "supervisor from Municipality and one DPC / one animator / three volunteers. each team has a special tasks
- Symptoms checking through all three categories of people who are assessed to this task.
- Symptoms cases have been categories for swap test and conducted fear camp based on the symptoms.
- Door to door symptoms checking work also carried out on the 15 days as a continues follow-up as guided by war room Chennai.



- Contact tracing and shifting of patients to the hospital and isolation ward. There is separate team with 9 unite having three members in each unite. They were provided by PPT kit and all the safety masseurs. With training and orientation to the staffs/
- There are various location identified for swap test and each unit is attached with urban PHC's

MOBILE VECHICLE SWAP TEST

Systemic checking on continues rotation for 15 days

1. Special team of volunteers attached with each and every ward to do the house hold survey on symptoms checking /



2. Daily reports have been collected for other team to follow-up of symptomatic person.
3. Fever camp and swap test team have been followed with symptomatic person to find out the seniority





SWAP TEST SCHOOL

Organizing vaccination camps



1. Mass vaccination camps for the school teachers, shop keepers, labourers and street venders / daily workers
2. Facilitating the low income and marginalized group to enroll in the vaccination portal. Mobile vaccination camps are arranged based on the symptoms checking.



3. Close monitoring by the team of staff and health care team for regular follow-up and report to the commissioner
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MOBILE AMBULANCE













❖ **<u>ISOLATION WARD</u> Tracing primary / secondary contact of positive cases:**



Municipality insisted and instructed all the volunteers that all the primary & secondary contacts of the positive cases have to be keenly tracked and reported for further investigation and treatment. In this regard, everyone should be very much alert in the



field and never miss any people who are in contact with positive cases and take them for swap test. This is the only way to prevent the spread of the deadly virus and avoid any causality.

❖ **Shifting patients to ward:** After having identified and got the test conformed all the patients are being shifted to the concerned ward. Municipality is very particular in taking utmost care of the positive cases, isolating them and quarantine in a safe and secure ward. All the volunteers are also instructed to take maximum care of all such patients till the moment of recovery.

❖ **Details of Siddha wards**: Municipality also took initiative to arrange siddha wards and allotted 3 volunteers for 3 different shifts. The task of the volunteers is to monitor the supply of basic needs like food, water, toilet facilities, medicine and other needs.



VOLUNTEER MEETING

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FEVAR CUM MEDICAL CAMP













VACCINE CAMP







CONTROL ROOM







RELIEF TO THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY







