

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Dhar

State: Madhya Pradesh

DHAR REGION

DHAN Foundation in Dhar region is working in five blocks, covering 4000 families. In the region, this is the season of wheat harvest and the farmers are not able to do harvesting due to lockdown. They are unable to hire labors. Though entire family members are trying to involve in the harvesting process, continuous rain during last few days resulted in stoppage of harvesting activities. The markets being closed due to lockdown, farmers who already procured their produces are finding financial crunch and forced to sell their produce to private agencies for low prizes.

COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS

- Farmers expecting bullet loans facilities
- Farmers expecting support for marketing their produce as well as storage facilities
- Wage seekers situated in remote areas will be deprived of food after one week. Ration and money must reach them within this week.

WAGE WORKERS

Almost 30% of our members are employed in labor works. Usually they work for six months within the block and six months outside the block. Predominantly, outside the block, they move to Gujarat and Indore. Those people who went to work outside the block are struck due to lockdown. Bus facilities have been provided by the state governments to drop them at Madhya Pradesh borders. To reach their homes they walked several kilometers by walk. These people's livelihood got affected. Though this is the harvest season in the region, landlords are not employing these people due to the fact that they have travelled from other states.

Most of the migrants are reaching their villages by walk from the state borders; they are not being tested

Members' MGNREGA amount being locked in the bank accounts is also posing problems to the families. Lack of ATMs in rural areas and lack of transportation imposing additional stress on the rural families

Old people and people with health disorders (general sickness) are facing transportation issues to reach the hospitals. Ambulance facilities are not provided into the rural parts of the region. Though administration is providing food and money, due to poor management, it is not reaching the rural parts of the region. *In the region no NGO is working except government entities.*