

## Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

**Region:** Kalvarayan Hills

**State:** Tamil Nadu

### KALVARAYAN HILLS

“1559 males and 1249 females are locked down in their estates.

They are out of work and wages

Estate owners are forcing them to move out of their estates

DHAN Foundation is working with tribal communities in Kalvarayan hills, Tamil Nadu. At the end of January, the tribal people (men and women) migrate to Karnataka, Kerala and Kangeyam to work as garden workers in different estates and return to Kalvarayan hills in the last week of April.

“This year, 4000 tribal families have migrated from Kalvarayan hills to different parts of Karnataka areas viz., Kudagu, Simangalore and Sumuka. Due to lockdown they all are struck in their work places”

The tribal families are locked down in their own working estates and they are unable to go out to purchase groceries and vegetables. DHAN field staff are in constant touch with all the families who are familiar with their well beings.

### MIGRANT WORKERS' DETAILS

Panchayats Name	No of Villages	Male	Female	No of Kalanjiam members
Vanjikuzhi	11	51	53	27
Innadu	9	126	135	48
Kilakadu	10	236	170	99
Vellimalai	19	421	320	255
Vengodu	10	113	94	17
Maniyarpalayam	7	172	122	52
Kariyalur	8	108	82	77
Kundiyanatham	6	79	57	9
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Serappattu	10	126	135	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>1559</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>688</b>

### Voice of Lockdown Tribals

There are no wages as there is no work in the estate

Estate owners are reluctant to lend advances

Owners are forcing us to move out of their estates though we came to work for them

All we need is a place to stay; food to feed our stomachs