

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Madurai Urban

State: Tamil Nadu

MADURAI URBAN REGION

DHAN Foundation's Madurai urban region works in five locations with six federations associating with 17,089 members in 1231 Kalanjiam groups.

COVID-19 EFFECT IN MADURAI URBAN

So far four reported Covid-19 positive cases, out of which one person died and three are treated in Rajaji Hospital Madurai. It has been reported these four reported persons were in direct contact with 151 members. District administration placed all these 151 members under home quarantine. In addition to this, 3403 members who returned from various countries have been kept under home quarantine for 28 days. This constitutes to 4.5% of the total 74,533 quarantined individuals.

In DHAN's working area, 32 families are quarantined. Among 32 families, 10 individuals are under close observations since they are having all the symptoms.

LIVELIHOOD LOSS

SKYROCKETING PRICES

Tomato (1 kg)

From Rs. 10 to Rs. 150

Dal (1 kg)

From Rs. 110 to Rs. 350

Oil (1 litre)

From Rs. 95 to Rs. 150

Most of our Kalanjiam members are daily wage laborers, street vendors, rickshaw pullers, auto drivers, house maids, mill workers and petty shop workers. All of them have lost their earnings completely. As much as 80 to 90% of the member families' livelihoods affected very severely. DHAN Foundation's Madurai urban region is working with SMP colony community. They work as scavengers. Due to lockdown, they are working in morning shift as against their regular two shifts, morning and evening. The problem is they are carrying out their works without any protection exposing themselves and risking their lives and health. Most of our members are waiting for the ration and the money to support their families.

QUARANTINED HOTSPOTS

IN DHAN'S WORKING AREA

Melamadai

Anna nagar

Anuppanadi

Uchaparambumedu

Thiruvalluvar Nagar

Mullai Nagar

Keela Vaithiyanathapuram

Thoppur

Vaithiyanathapuram

Thideer Nagar

Bodiline

FEDERATION INITIATIVES

Prior to the lockdown, all the federations have identified vulnerable families, aged and PWD people, in order to facilitate the basic needs to them through local arrangements from the federation amount. Currently, out of the Madurai urban federations are providing complete care and support to the identified vulnerable families. To address the health problems well as corona virus related, SUHAM offered tele medical services, wherein people can call doctors seeking health consultations and medical facilities over phone. If the patients need any medicines based on their symptoms, medicines are being door delivered. People who have addiction problems and are forced to stay home due to lockdown were availing the psychological counselling over phone.

Potential Financial Need:

Post-lockdown (projected)

Ordinary Street Vendors: Rs. 3000 to Rs. 5000

Food & Snacks Vendors: Rs. 10,000 to Rs. 20,000

Grocery shop owners: Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000

Expectation of our members

- Supply of provisions for next 10 to 15 days
- Small credit facilities to meet emergencies
- Overdrafts/CC to restart their livelihood
- Scholarships/ School fee support for their children
 - Medicinal facilities for next month