

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Poondi VF

State: Tamil Nadu

POONDI REGION:

DHAN Foundation's Poondi region (Vayalagam) works in 6 cascades consisting 27 panchayats (38 villages). This is 20 years old block having 43 Vayalagams, 140 Agricultural Finance Groups (2247 members) and one Farmer Producer Organization (917 members). 15 families in Poondi region (Vayalagam) working area were sealed as they have returned from other countries. Most of our members are employed in agriculture and allied activities (cattle and goat rearing). The other major occupations include factory workers, tailoring, house maids, idly shops and petty shops.

CASCADE-WISE CORONA IMPACT:

Cascade	Livelihood activities	Impact
Mylapoore	Mainly agriculture and company workers; daily wages	Agricultural laborers and company workers are staying at their homes without employment. Hence they are facing financial crisis
Vellathukottai	Agriculture and allied activities	Usually, men from dairy products visits villages to collect the milk. Due to lockdown, he is not coming to villages, creating loss of income to the cattle rearing farmers.
Attarambakkam, Odappai	Agriculture and allied activities	The situation is same like Vellathukottai cascade.
Pondavakkam	Shop keepers, Company workers, housekeeping, agriculture	Shop keepers, company workers and house maids are unable to go for their works, and financial crunch. In Pondavakkam, farmers grow Jasmine flowers and export them. Due to lockdown and lack of transportation, all the Jasmine cultivators are facing huge financial crunch.
T.B Puram	Mostly daily wages	They are unable to fulfill their daily basic needs due to lockdown.