

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Ramanathapuram

State: Tamil Nadu

Ramanthapuram Region

DHAN Foundation's Ramanthapuram region is having four Kalanjiam federations, working with around 8000 poor families in the district. Most of the members are agriculture farmers and agriculture labourers. Agriculture farmers and labourers are affected financially due to lockdown. Members residing in nearby town are getting vegetables and grocery items from market and stores in the town itself visiting the markets at the specified times. But members residing in interior villages are struggling to get vegetables and grocery items.

REGION INITIATIVES

DHAN Ramand region team is interacting with the Kalanjiam / Cluster / Federation leaders over phone, insisting them to stay safe at houses. Also advising them to adhere to the instructions/orders given by the state and central governments. In few of the villages of Muthukulathur federation, people are spraying water mixed neem leaf powder and turmeric mixture in their streets to make it hygiene. To boost their immune systems, villagers are consuming Kashayam (an herbal drink prepared using Turmeric powder, Ginger, Neam leaf, Pepper and other spices).

“4,777 people returned from foreign countries to Ramanathapuram district. Out of 4,777, 2138 have successfully completed their 30-day isolation period and 2,639 are under home quarantine, being monitored by the officials. 11 persons admitted in the government hospitals with COVID-19 symptoms; nine have been tested negative”

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35 persons from Ramanathapuram seem to have taken part in the conference at Delhi. So far, 19 of them have returned to the district. Of the 19, two persons have been tested positive. Two men are from Paramakudi block. Of the two, one member's house is very near to our Paramakudi Federation Office.