

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Ratlam

State: Madhya Pradesh

RATLAM REGION

DHAN Foundation's Ratlam region works in four Teshils viz., Sailana, Piploda, Bajna and Rawti, associated with 3000 families. Most of the people employed as agricultural labourers and daily wage labourers. Federation coordinators are in constant touch with leaders and members through phone. WhatsApp groups have been created to update the members with all the new information and to know their wellbeing. As of now, there are no cases are recorded in the district. Two persons were tested but the test results came as negative.

MIGRATION MISERIES

In all the working blocks of DHAN Foundation, 15 to 20% of the families are agricultural labourers. In general, from 3rd week of December to 1st week of April, people migrate to Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. From 2nd week of April, people will return to Madhya Pradesh state and work as construction workers. Due to lockdown, people have stayed in their work places or at the state capitals, awaiting buses to take them homes; thus exposed themselves to the virus.

DHAN Federation staff are in constant touch with leaders and members asking about their wellbeing and the status of their groceries and basic things.

In Pipilpara village of Bajna block, migrant workers returned through 8 to 10 buses from different neighbouring states. They have been screened for normal fever and other symptoms. Government insisted them to be home quarantined.

As the wheat harvesting completed in the region, all the houses are having enough grains. But they are suffering from the lack of other grocery items, as the shops are not available in the remote places and there is no transportation to the nearby towns.