THIRUKAZHUKUNDRAM BLOCK
The community in the Thirukazhukundram block are strictly following the lockdown since its announcement. There are no covid-19 cases so far in the block. Major livelihood activities in the block are Agriculture, Daily Wage, Private sector labours and Fishing. Most of the people go to Chennai to work in private companies for their livelihood. Due to lockdown the companies are closed, and hence all are locked down in their home. Major cultivation includes vegetables, groundnut and paddy. The harvested vegetables, groundnuts are unable to send to due to lock down. In Thirukazhukundram block, DHAN Foundation is working in coastal villages viz., Meyyur Kuppa, Sadras Kuppa, Mamallapuram, and Pudhupattinam Kuppa. All these villages are lockdown strictly.

FEDERATION INITIATIVES
Federation staff have been creating corona virus awareness campaigns during all the cluster meetings since February. Federation team is communicating Kalanjiam members and leaders about the mitigation procedures on covid-19 every day and review their village current status. Created cluster level WhatsApp groups to know the wellbeing of the members. 375 Kg Pidiarisi was mobilized in Feb’2020 Cluster Mahasabha. It is distributed now in villages of P V Kalathur Cluster for the poor people and old age people by cluster leaders ensuring the social distancing while distributing.

“300 women fish vendors associated with DHAN Foundation have lost their livelihood completely”

“5 Kg rice (each family) is distributed to 75 families.”

Kalanjiam members sprayed water mixed with turmeric, neam in the streets and near the houses, in three villages