

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Thiruvalangadu KF

State: Tamil Nadu

THIRUVALANGADU REGION

Thiruvalangadu Vattara Kalanjiam consists of 8 clusters, each cluster is having 5 to 8 villages. In Thiruvalangadu block, agriculture, horticulture and agriculture allied activities are the main occupations. Other livelihood activities include working in MRF company and other export companies, working as daily wage labors and in petty shops, building workers, catering works and people in the areas near to railway transportation facilities, those people often travel to Chennai to sell their agriculture produces or in search of labor works.

LIVELIHOOD IMPACT

Most of the members works as agricultural laborers, factory laborers and daily wage laborers. Due to lockdown, all of them have lost their livelihood. Laborers working in the factories as well as daily wage didn't receive their wages. This is the paddy harvest season for the farmers.

INITIATIVES

DHAN members are involved in spraying chemicals, bleaching powders, turmeric and neem water in the streets on daily basis to maintain hygienic conditions. Villagers are taking Nilavembu kasayam to boost their immunity.

VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY

Members in the villages are expecting immediate loans without interest to cope with their losses. There are so many pregnant women, old people and children who are in dire need of medical attention in the rural parts. Villagers are expecting government should create some livelihood activities which they can perform in their houses during the lockdown.

“Due to sudden lockdown factory workers didn't receive their March month salaries”

“Farmers are facing difficulties and unable to find laborers for Paddy harvesting”

“Jasmine and other seasonal flower cultivators are unable to transport their harvested flowers to Chennai city”