

Rapid Assessment on Disaster and Response Report

Region: Jawadhu Hills

State: Tamil Nadu

JAWADHU HILLS

DHAN Foundation's Jawadu Hills is one of the blocks of Tiruvannamalai District. DHAN is working in 11 panchayats and 140 Hamlets. 90% of the people are tribals in Jawadhu Hills. The main occupation is agriculture and allied activities. Most of the tribal people of Jawadhu Hills migrate to Tea and Coffee estates from January to April. They work as daily laborers, men earning Rs. 500 per day and women Rs. 400 per day.

"970 male and 815 female are migrated to Kerala and Karnataka

Out of 1785 people, 750 people returned to Jawadhu Hills. Remaining got lockdown at their estates itself

COVID-19 IMPACT

So far, no confirmed cases in Jawadhu Hills. Migrants returned from Kerala and Karnataka to celebrate Ugadi festival were screened by the primary health department workers and doctors. Remaining migrants are lockdown in Karnataka, Kodagu Hills, Chikmagalur and some parts of Mysore. DHAN field staff have been in touch with the migrants. Most of the migrants are as usual working in the estates – taking preventive measures – and the owners are providing wages. But there are few estates, where migrants are not provided food and shelter.

On 13th March 2020, DHAN Foundation has conducted block level health steering committee on COVID-19.

Block Medical officer, Panchayat Leaders, Government Health workers, Anganwadi teachers, School headmasters, DHAN Health associates and Community representatives

Though Jawadhu hills reported zero cases, neighboring towns Tiruvannamalai and Tirupattur reported nine and eleven confirmed cases respectively. Tirupattur is located comparatively nearer to Jawadhu Hills than Tiruvannamalai. DHAN regional staff have enquired Jamunamarathur community if anyone have attended the Delhi religious event.

Reports revealed none has attended. But five persons in Jamunamarathur have been under home quarantined; they have returned from Mumbai. In Jamunamarathur markets, people are wearing masks but not maintaining social distancing during buying groceries and vegetables.

MIGRANT WORKERS' DETAILS

Panchayat	Male	Female
Kovilur	150	140
Puliyur	30	20
Pallamarathur	85	65
Meleselambadi	60	50
Kanamalai	150	130

Panchayat	Male	Female
Urgnur	20	20
Veerapanur	125	110
Thenmalai Athipattu	25	15
Namiyampattu	200	150