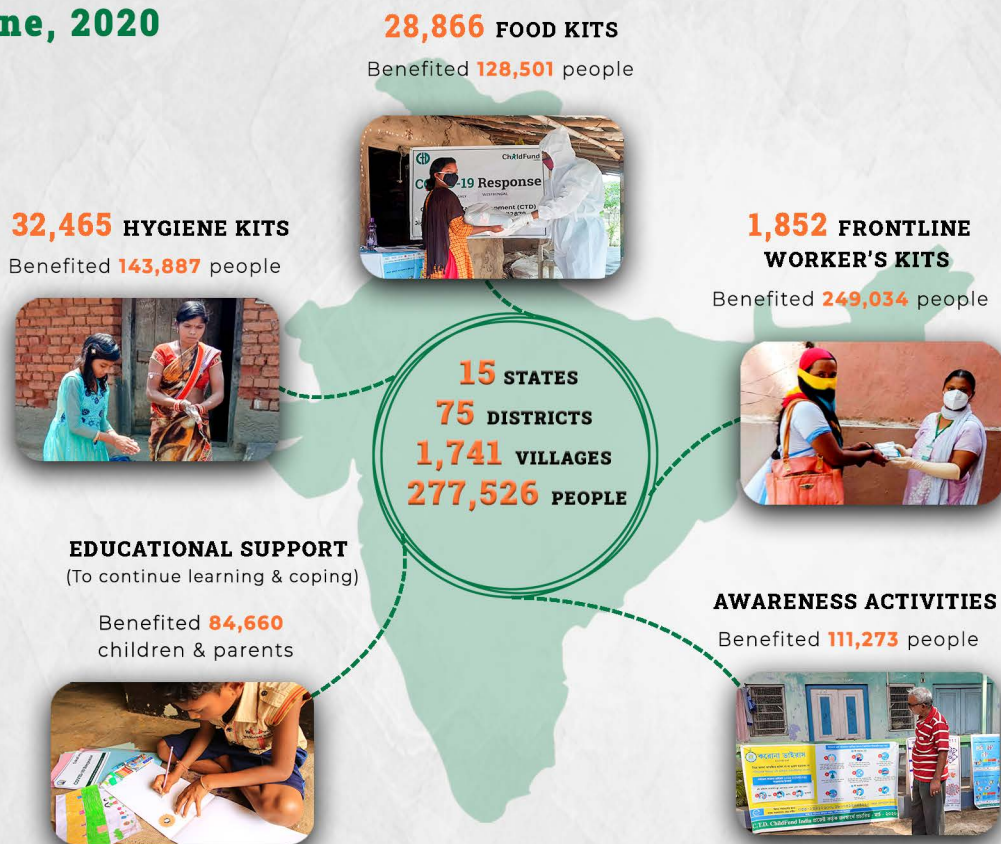


ChildFund India COVID-19 RESPONSE

As India finds itself in the midst of the global COVID-19 pandemic, the lockdown measures enforced across the country have disproportionately affected the most vulnerable communities and children. Families have lost their livelihoods, and children's access to education, nutrition, hygiene, and healthcare has been severely impacted. Isolation and uncertainty are affecting the social and psychological wellbeing of both, children and adults.

ChildFund India and our Partner organizations have been at the forefront, tackling the pandemic and supporting the most marginalized communities & children. We are responding with both on-going recovery and long-term rehabilitation interventions, focused on providing essential services, as well as, psychosocial support, continuity in education, strengthening of community-level Child Protection structures and livelihoods restoration.

As of 24 June, 2020



Our initial and on-going response efforts have been focused on:

- Creating awareness on symptoms of the disease & precautionary measures of handwashing, respiratory hygiene & social distancing
- Supporting frontline workers with hygiene kits & factual information to ensure they are well-equipped to guide children & communities
- Ensuring no large gatherings are organized in our communities
- Supporting local governments in tracing travel history of returning population & ensuring appropriate quarantine measures are practiced
- Provision of food baskets & hygiene kits with essential items to the most affected families, including populations made vulnerable by life-threatening diseases
- Activity and Learning kits provided to children to keep them engaged & cope with being in lockdown
- Ensuring support for diagnosis & treatment if any child or community member is found to be affected

From our communities

"Due to the pandemic and lockdown, we do not have any work or income. We are not able to meet even the basic needs of our children. In this crisis, we did not expect to be able to even provide food to our children. Through the support received with food baskets, we can now have three meals a day. Our children are eating good food and sleeping happily".

-Ramanamma, mother of Rukshitha & Sivani



"I am not used to staying at home. During holidays, I used to go out to play with other children in my community. Now, with the activity and learning kit, I can play indoor games with my family. I do the creative art exercises regularly. My elder sister also helps in my studies at home. Together, we are doing many activities at home".

-Satyam, age 8

"The lockdown put us in a situation of hunger & uncertainty over our future. Before lockdown, my wife & I worked as vendors selling utensils. Our children were receiving mid-day meal at school & so food expense was less. Now, we are unable to meet our family's needs. The food basket has helped us greatly. Our children received learning kits which is helping them to be creative. The hygiene kits will motivate us to maintain necessary hygienic practices."

-Anjinappa, Ley Ena's father

