



SITUATION REPORT 6: COVID 19 IN INDIA

29th March 2020

A. GLOBAL SCENARIO

As on 28th March 2020 (Data as reported by national authorities by 10:00 CET 28th March 2020)

Globally: 571 678 confirmed (62 514 new); deaths (26 494 new)

Western Pacific Region: 101462 confirmed (1444 new); 3592 deaths (25 new)

European Region: 324 343 confirmed (37 646 new); 18 740 deaths (2635 new);

South-East Asia Region- 3085 confirmed (354 new) 72 deaths (7 new)

East Mediterranean Region- 38 931 confirmed (3682 new) 2508 deaths (172 new)

Region of the Americas- 100 314 confirmed (19 177 new) 1485 deaths (309 new)

Africa Region- 2831 confirmed (412 new) 48 deaths (09 new)

WHO RISK ASSESSMENT: Global Level: Very High

Source: Countries official sites and WHO report

B. STATE WISE BREAKUP OF CASES IN INDIA:

India: 602 including 47 foreign nationals as on 28.03.2020 at 08:45 AM

Name of State / UT	Total Confirmed cases (Indian National)	Total Confirmed cases (Foreign National)	Cured/ Discharged/Migrated	Death
Andhra Pradesh	14	0	1	0
Andaman and Nicobar Islands	9	0	0	0
Bihar	9	0	0	1
Chhattisgarh	6	0	0	0
Delhi	38	1	6	2
Gujarat	52	1	0	4
Goa	2	1	0	0
Haryana	19	14	12	0
Himachal Pradesh	3	0	0	1
Karnataka	76	0	5	3
Kerala	174	8	15	1
Madhya Pradesh	30	0	0	2
Maharashtra	183	3	25	6
Manipur	1	0	0	0
Mizoram	1	0	0	0
Odisha	3	0	0	0
Puducherry	1	0	0	0
Punjab	38	0	1	1
Rajasthan	52	2	3	0
Tamil Nadu	36	6	2	1
Telangana	56	10	1	1
Chandigarh	8	0	0	0
Jammu and Kashmir	31	0	1	1
Ladakh	13	0	3	0
Uttar Pradesh	54	1	11	0
Uttarakhand	5	1	1	0
West Bengal	17	0	0	1
Total number of confirmed cases in India	931	48	87	25

Source: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in>



D. HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE TO THE DISEASE

Government Response:

- Prime minister Narendra Modi has appealed to Indians to contribute to a newly established charitable fund PM Care (Prime Minister's Citizens Assistance and Relief in Emergency Situations Fund) to help the government battle coronavirus and the economic consequences of the pandemic.
- Government would allocate \$2bn to strengthen the country's fragile health care system to cope with an expected onslaught of coronavirus cases.
- Government has issued complete lockdown in India for 21 days starting from 25th March 2020. This comes in escalation to government decision to impose ban in 75 districts in 22 states as there was sudden spike in Coronavirus cases.
- Delhi Police, Gurugram Police, Noida Police and Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation instituted mechanisms for allowing home deliveries, including issuing curfew passes to the staff of Amazon, Flipkart, BigBasket, Grofers, Swiggy, Zomato, etc.
- MHA asked all states and union territories to draft standard operating protocols, set up helplines and appoint nodal officers to coordinate delivery of essential goods.
- Finance Ministry has announced economic relief package worth Rs 1.7 lakh crore and announced medical insurance cover for health workers and free grains for poor for the next three months.
- FM announced a Rs 50 lakh insurance cover for healthcare workers who are at the forefront of dealing with coronavirus pandemic.
- Announcing Garib Kalyan Yojana, Sitharaman said 80 crore poor or two-third of population would get 5 kg rice or wheat free for the next three months. This will be over and above the 5 kg they already get. Additionally, they will also get 1 kg of preferred pulse.
- Women Jan Dhan account holders will be getting an ex-gratia amount of Rs 500 for the next three months. This will benefit 20 crore women.
- MNREGA wages to be hiked, from Rs 182 to Rs 202 a day (Rs 2,000 per worker additional income). This will benefit 5 crore families.
- 28 hospitals of the army, air force and navy across India have been earmarked as COVID-19 hospitals to handle and treat coronavirus case.
- 35 private laboratories across the country have been given the green signal from the ICMR to conduct COVID-19 tests. Earlier, 12 private diagnostic chains across six states had got approval from the government to test coronavirus.
- Indian Railways are ready with its isolation coaches. Separate coaches are designed for doctors and nurses too. Further, Indian railway resumed parcel van service to ensure uninterrupted flow of essentials to local markets
- Both Centre and state are working on providing them temporary shelters for migrant labourers.
- Nearly 8 crore of BPL families will be given free cylinders for the next three months. Over 8 crore families are expected to benefit.
- The Kerala government has decided to facilitate loans worth Rs 2,000 crore through a self-help group 'Kudumbashree' in the nature of a consumer loan to those impacted by Covid-19.
- The government is also planning to suspend invocation of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) "for a period of six months so as to stop companies at large from being forced into insolvency proceedings in such force majeure causes of default.
- RBI cuts its repo rate by 75 basis point at 4.4% to support govt in this fight against COVID 19.

NGO / Civil Society Response

IAGs Kerala:

- IAG Kozhikode is supporting health and police RRT in screening people at check points, coordinated through a central console at District Emergency Operation Center. Training for Ambulance drivers are



being organized. These ambulances will be deployed in four taluks and used as and when need arise through a common control room number.

- IAG Palakkad coordinated to mobilize volunteers for action. Many are deployed in at the District Emergency Operation Center. These volunteers prepare various IEC materials in multiple languages.
- IAG Ernakulam (Kochin) coordinated to facilitate health volunteers at high traffic locations like public transportation stops and shopping areas throughout the district.
- IAG Thrissur coordinated to mobilize volunteers for action. The volunteers prepare various IEC materials. They also developed hygiene tips for person with special needs in association with FIRRE and Alpha Palliative care.
- IAG Trivandrum coordinated to mobilize volunteers for action. Many are deployed in at the district call centers, ambulance desk and DISHA helpline. The volunteers prepared the database of the passengers arriving at the airport in the past. Over 600 volunteers come forward to assist various departments including district medical office and district administration.
- IAG Wayanad coordinating different local NGOs and other civil society partners towards COVID 19 prevention. They also initiated production of masks through various SHG networks in the district. IAG distributed 20000 soaps with the support of Doctors for You organisation, Child line arranged one public booth for awareness too.

IAG West Bengal:

- State IAG- West Bengal preparedness and response update meeting on COVID 19 is schedule on 24th March 2020 took place and various plan of action was agreed upon.
- Leaflets on COVID-19 prevention message issued by district administration printed and handed over to the ANMs for distribution in the communities.
- IAG West Bengal initially started with preparedness level and now they are making door to door visit, community level awareness and spread of IEC via electronic platform.

Other state IAGs:

- IAG Jharkhand organized a meeting with after preliminary discussion on one to one basis with partner agencies like World Vision India, UNICEF, Save the Children, Plan India, CASA etc on 20th March to discuss way forward.
- In a collective decision it was decided that the IAG Jharkhand and its partners use the material available with the government. They need not print their own IEC so that the commonality of the messages can be maintained.
- IAG Chhattisgarh is working closely in compliance with the government order and advisories. More than 3400 people are home isolated and home quarantined. State is planning a separate hospital for Covid-19 patients and mobilizing resources for the same in.
- Odisha Mining Corporation (OMC) as a responsible public sector company, has contributed Rs 500 crores to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for supporting the State government efforts to control COVID-19 situation. This is apart from the Rs 100 crores already contributed to CMRF in February 2020.
- State IAGs conveners Skype meeting call to take joint collective actions against COVID 19 took place on 24th March 2020 at 4-5pm to be chaired by Dr. Bhanu, Convener, IAG-UP.

Sphere India and other NGOs:

- World Vision is coordinating with Jharkhand state authorities to install hoarding in toll plaza (Bokaro).
- UNICEF has been preparing COVID 19 prevention voice messages in 4 local languages (Santhali, Mundari, Sadri and Ho) which is under process and latest will be ready by 30th March. It can be used for mobile WhatsApp message.
- Take away materials on psychosocial support and parenting tips is under process in Hindi and English languages by UNICEF.



- EFICOR is tracking people come from outside & directing them for screening with the support of Govt. health dept on providing awareness on self-care, promoting quarantine.
- Sphere India health, education and protection meeting took place to discuss the greater impact of COVID-19 on different sectors.
- Some of the key discussions from the meeting are that due quarantine and the resultant loss of livelihood, stress and confinement – children and women are at an increased risk of abuse.
- Sphere India is primarily focusing on information exchange as developing two-way communications with communities and leaving no one behind in need of care and support in this crisis.
- Sphere India is also coming up with COVID 19 Academy in collaboration with NDMA, UNICEF AND WHO. This will be daily webinars unfolding series of training and capacity building efforts through digital technologies and over phone.
- A nodal level emergency coordination meeting took place of Sphere India with NDMA where key decisions was taken on Mapping and registration of migrants and arrangement of cooked food for daily wagers, static migrant workers and people on move.
- A strategic working group at National level as per global good practice will be formed comprising of members of Inter Agency Coordination Committee, Advocacy Committee, Multi sector leaders committee and other members and non-members.
- Sphere India health committee (including WASH committee members as invitees) Chaired by Dr. Ritu Chauhan (WHO) and Co-Chair Dr. Ravikant (Doctors for you) will be meeting periodically for coordination of various public health responses by civil society and establishing leadership level nodal interface with NDMA and MoHFW.
- Protection committee with other sectors of Food security, livelihoods, nutrition, live stocks and inclusion will work together on assessment and response planning of secondary impact of disaster especially focusing on most vulnerable groups.
- State IAG Leaders working group Zoom meeting is schedule on 31st March 2020 as Sphere India along its members and states IAG is expanding it outreach though networks approach on COVID 19 emergency preparedness and response. This group comprise of Convenors / Chairpersons of all State IAGs and members of Sphere India Inter Agency Coordination Committee. The group will be a learning exchange group on building partnership with respective State Authorities and Health Department, establishing state level communication with community working groups, enabling and coordinating district groups. This group will be chaired by Dr. Bhanu Mall (Chair of UP IAG, Vice Chair Sphere India) and Co-Chair Mr. Pankaj Anand (Director Programs Oxfam India and Member Sphere India Executive Committee). The group will also work as nodal points to enable and coordinate relief measures by CSOs at state and district level with respective State and District Authorities. Two meetings of this group has already been organised. Minutes has been shared.
- Furthermore, NDMA has requested Sphere India to collate information of all organizations who are willing to support with their interventions in the current crisis. All organizations can fill their work and role in Unified Response Matrix which can be accessed at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1aLrzi55mc5el6TXDFRLMekg5KyANuUOrCMseZqn_Uk/edit#gid%3D0. The information will be shared with NDMA and then NDMA will help facilitating the agencies through authorities at various level accordingly.

F. SOURCE OF INFORMATION

- Media, Twitter handle of Government official, Government websites and WHO Situation reports



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