



## Minutes of Meeting of 6<sup>th</sup> State IAG Leaders Working Groups 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 at 3-4pm (Zoom Platform)

The 6<sup>th</sup> State IAG Leaders Working Groups was organised on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 with the following agenda:

- Progress and update from state IAGs on emergency preparedness for COVID 19 response.
- Identify gaps in response and avenues for collaboration with Government
- Discussion on planning for COVID 19 Academy training for volunteers and CBOs - state specific.
- Way forward by strengthening the core agencies and interventions with local and district administration

### Key Discussions:

- Non-pharmaceutical intervention in COVID 19 is going to be a champion in the coming times and we need to pay more emphasis to it. We have to understand the importance of such linkages and get looped in it.
- IAG UP has identified district nodal people and are segregating volunteers in different districts for work. State IAG together with UPSDMA are working on mass training of the volunteers and skill up gradation of already trained ones. Regular assessment of such training is also being done.
- We have to engage more in capacity building through regional levels to penetrate deeper in the communities.
- Migrant workers and slums need to be given special attention to in terms of providing relief packages and other requirements. Jharkhand has started supplying funds to migrant and stranded labours. Since the no is very huge, we need to track the requirements of such needs.
- Billionlives.in has developed an application for web enabled tracking of needs for relief supplies for migrant workers stranded in different states with real time updates.
- PPEs are being manufactured by a few companies in Kerala whose samples were tested by SITRA and INMAS. These are available in two qualities: one for doctors who are in the ICUs directly handling Covid19 patients and the second quality for nurses, paramedics and hospital staff.
- IAGs Nagaland is working in collaboration with the state government for capacity building. Since we are new, other agencies are helping us in the same.
- IAG Gujarat is engaged in providing sanitizers, ration and awareness intervention. Accessibility of medicines for the vulnerable are being taken care of with the help of other agencies. Special intervention is being done for migrant workers especially in Surat and a feedback mechanism has also been established.
- Entire country is facing a lot of unreported cases of domestic and gender based violence. Implementation of the schemes are being done by the government to check and report such cases but despite that it is going unreported.
- A govt initiative “Sanad Sena” is a platform wherein all the volunteers are connected, and regular update and coordination is happening through that. Currently there are 3,00,000 volunteers collectively on this single platform.

- IAG Trivandrum in collaboration with district administration has built a platform to rehabilitate the NRIs post pandemic. Furthermore 2 to 3 firms in the state have got certification from the govt prepare PPE kits. Currently, the capacity of each firm is limited to 20,000.
- Sphere India is planning a session on migrant workers, impact and implication during pandemic and post analysis in partnership with International organisation of migrants. Furthermore, a working committee has also been set up by Sphere India specifically focusing and working towards urban planning and slums.
- IAG Jharkhand with support of UNICEF and other agencies has planned a gap analysis of the entire state. Post that state IAG will be involved in filling out those gaps. Further, 53 lakh cash have been leveraged for help apart from govt relief packages in the state to help people. Nodal agencies in few districts have been identified and work of coordination is in progress. 3000 volunteers have been identified with the help of IAG for capacity building.
- The Dehra dun district administration announces "Agnes Kunze Society- HOPE Project "the Corona Warriors of the day (26 April 2020) in the civil society category. Distribution of dry ration kits, sanitizers, handwash & masks to needy people and educating them about Coronavirus by HIRA team in collaboration with IAG Utrkhand.
- There is a need to brainstorm more on establishing national level coalition and state level effective communication.

#### Key Decisions and Suggestions:

- IAGs and other agencies have to come up with a way to be connected to the government system for effective functioning. Administration is handling this pandemic situation as a law and order issue and CSOs must engage in handling the issue in a more sympathetic way.
- It was suggested to create a Grievance Redressal Platform at the national level by Sphere India and state levels by specific State IAGs and widely disseminated.
- Deep awareness level and factual training is required in vernacular language is very significant at this time. The training must be very practical, factual, skill upgrading and content driven. The training must emphasize on **what to do** and **what not to do**.
- Returning migrant workers and daily wage workers is a big issue. They are at the losing end of employment. Therefore, IAGs must coordinate with the government and get details of such returns so that CSOs can get involved in addressing their issue.
- NGOs in the state level and district will also encourage Self Help Groups to make reusable masks for common people to be produced in large numbers because the wearing of masks has become compulsory when anybody steps out of the home for buying essential supplies.
- To develop a compiled list of members of IAGs and other NGOs in each state.
- States IAG conveners to send the designated list of focal points for each district to Sphere India at [kennedy@sphereindia.org.in](mailto:kennedy@sphereindia.org.in) .
- Trainers from each state IAGs to be nominated and share with Sphere India.
- Practical trainings modules for field workers, basic PSS first aid, addressing GBV etc, livelihoods for returnees, migrants focused programming, as action from SI in consultation with states IAG convener

**List of participants:**

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5.	Gamliel Sherio	World Vision India
6.	Khasum	IAG Uttrakhand
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9.	Kirti Kumar Parmar	IAG - Gujarat
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