To assist government efforts and encounter the outbreak of COVID-19 in KP, SRSP has activated its Humanitarian wing. This is being done with minimum staff and resources at present. Based on our previous experiences and available expertise, SRSP has mobilized its existing pool of staff, emphasized coordination with relevant departments, and initiated our initial response in coordination & collaboration with KP health department, district’s administration & relevant partners.

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In response to the wake of COVID-19 outbreak, SRSP is mobilizing funds and discussion with different donor agencies are being held as per needs coming from KP government and health units through directorate of health. However, some fund has already been committed and response has been commenced in well-coordinated manner.

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- 2,406 IEC materials (Banners, Standees, Posters etc.) distributed and placed at public sites.
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- 63,975 individuals facilitated with WASH services.
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COORDINATION MECHANISM WITH GOVERNMENT

Regular meetings are being held with Health Department KP for prioritization of districts, needs and ease in implementation. In this regard, Directorate of General Health Services has already issued a letter to district health offices to support SRSP responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. Further, regular coordination with PDMA is also being held for the NGOs and facilitate the access to the targeted sites.

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SRSP contribution in response to combat coronavirus is depicted as following:

1. **Community Awareness Raising**

   **Awareness Campaigns**
   - 24,120 awareness campaigns have been conducted across 26 districts with communities in local mosques, Hujras, and other communal places ensuring coronavirus preventive measures such as social distancing etc.
   - In addition, communities are encouraged via megaphone in hospital catchment areas.

   **Awareness through IEC materials**
   - 2,406 IEC materials including banners and standees are displayed in various communal places including hospitals, public places, government buildings, bus stations, and markets etc. to maximize community awareness in combating coronavirus and prevent its spread.

   **Awareness via Social and Mass media**
   - SRSP have engaged 10 local radio stations across KP for broadcasting awareness messages with the frequency of 06 times a day (60 seconds messages) each radio station that makes 60 messages a day. Currently, 253,722 individuals have been reached out till date with PTA approved awareness messages and procedures.
   - In addition, SRSP field teams are mobilizing communities and spreading awareness messages via telecommunication sources such as social sites, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and twitter etc. Approximately 30,000 individuals have been through WhatsApp visual awareness messages while 23,450 through messages.

   **Awareness through our Existing Social Capital**
   - 2,650 CRPs including 763 females have been mobilized and oriented on COVID-19 awareness who further engaged 8,600 community members for spreading the awareness among mass communities in their vicinities.
   - 9,636 CO/VO/LSOs engaged in self-help initiatives on community awareness on preventive measures through different mediums.
2. WASH Support to Health Centers

- **12 health centers/hospitals** have been reached with WASH facilities across 03 districts—Peshawar, Mardan & Kurram with the support of UNICEF.
- **25 handwashing stations** installed benefiting **33,788 individuals**
- Access to clean latrines through minor repair and restoration of **35 latrines benefiting 1,775 individuals.**
- Distribution of **35 PPE kits** for janitorial staff in those hospitals
- Distribution of **196 liters** disinfection materials
- Distribution of **2,397 soaps**

63,975 Individuals Reached

**Disinfectant Walkthrough Tunnel...**

Talking about innovations; a disinfectant walkthrough tunnel has been installed at the entry point of Hayatabad Medical Complex Peshawar to protect hospital staff and general public from COVID-19. The walkthrough tunnel automatically spray disinfectant on each and every individual going in & out from hospital.

On average 500—700 individuals visiting HMC are being disinfected on daily basis passing through this Tunnel.
3. Disinfecting Public Places

SRSP has stepped forward to support the cause through its own resources by providing support to various government institutes and communities in abating the coronavirus ill-effects.

The chlorination/disinfection spray has been carried out across 04 merged district of KP including North Waziristan, South Waziristan, Orakzai, and Kurram while the chlorination materials have been handed over to the district administration Khyber to spray out in the district.

116,729 individuals benefited from the activity while the spray was carried out in more than 120 communal places.

Major Needs Identified

1. Support in revitalization and sustainability of livelihood sources since the lock down led many individuals jobless particularly the daily wagers
2. Awareness raising to suburbs and rural areas
3. Support to food basket for the most vulnerable masses

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