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 started preliminary need assessment and strategy development for effective and efficient response in coordination with KP health department.

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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 NOCs and facilitate the access to the targeted sites.

SRSP is currently working on Preventive Response Strategy emphasizing awareness among mass communities. Communication Strategy has been developed specifically for COVID-19 response with targeted outreach of over 100,000 people through SMS, visuals, radio messages, verbal communication, Large banners display, mosque speakers etc. SRSP is already in touch with Local Support Organizations and Community Organizations and is planning to mobilize its existing local social capital; LSO, VO/LSOs and COs for information dissemination and creating awareness in their concern communities in KP including Merged Districts. Further under “Do No Harm Approach” SRSP avoids pamphlets, brochures since soft awareness messages are emphasized. Key messages are being delivered in soft and verbal communication keeping in view safety protocols in mind and avoid gatherings and exchange of awareness materials in hard.

Achievements Summary

1,277,281 individuals have been reached out with community awareness through community sessions, access via social sites, Radio messages, megaphone announcements and mobilization through community networks such as CO/VO/LSOs.

10 local radio stations engaged for awareness messages with coverage of 26 districts.

4,765 IEC materials (Banners, Standees, leaflets, Posters etc.) distributed and placed at public sites.

13 health centers/hospitals have been facilitated with WASH facilities with 26 handwashing stations installed, 42 latrines rehabilitated reaching 81,583 individuals facilitated with WASH services.

Disinfection spray conducted in 120 communal places reaching out 116,729 individuals.

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CO/VO/LSOs distributed 3,309 non-food items, 100,660 cash, 1,745 soaps, 3,079 sanitizers, and 12,879 masks among vulnerable communities on self-help basis.

500 affected households were given food ration from SRSP’s developed Village Banks’ own resources.
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, handwashing etc.
- Approximately, 95,700 individuals have been reached so far.

**Awareness through IEC materials**
- 4,765 IEC materials including banners, posters and standees are distributed & 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 spreading.

**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. Approximately, 700,156 individuals have been reached through with PTA approved awareness messages.
- 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 307,172 individuals have been reached through WhatsApp and Mobile 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.
- In total, 9,821 CO/VO/LSOs & Village Banks engaged in self-help initiatives responding to COVID-19; community awareness on preventive measures, distribution of food and non food items, sanitizers, masks,
WASH Support to Health Centers

Those health facilities that are prioritized for COVID-19 response with isolation wards, are being targeted mainly for the provision and maintenance of WASH services & facilities. Total 15 health centers/hospitals are identified for WASH interventions in coordination with health department and UNICEF.

- **26 handwashing stations** installed benefiting **43,124 individuals**
- Access to clean latrines through minor repair and restoration of **42 latrines** in health units with isolated COVID-19 wards
- Distribution of **35 PPE kits** for janitorial staff in those health units
- Distribution of **196 liters** disinfection materials
- Distribution of **2,539 soaps**

**81,583 Individuals Reached**

Cover STORY

Door to Door Awareness Sessions

*In UC DARWESH district Haripur, the LSO Tameer-e-Nau chairperson Ms. Saeeda Shah started door to door awareness campaign in Naseem town and further involved the CRPs of the area and members of Khidmat-e-Khalq committee formed by SRSP. These activities are undertaken by these CBOs on self-help basis without any support from SRSP.*
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 to encourage the further spread of COVID-19 in rural areas.

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

Approx. 116,729 individuals estimated, benefited from the activity which was carried out in more than 120 communal places.

Emerging Needs

1. Revival of economic activities to support daily livelihoods of those that are affected the most and hardly fulfill their needs at present.

2. Awareness on community realization to ensure protective measures

3. Support to medical staff in PPEs etc.

4. Due to upcoming Ramadan, food baskets to be distributed among the daily wager.

Our Partners