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May 15, 2020

COMBATING COVID-19 CRISIS

5,860
Poor and poorest households provided cash-grants for emergency use, consumptions and purchase of essential food/non-food items with the support of Local Philanthropists, Local Communities, Rotary International, Akhuwat, Ehsaas Programme Govt, District Governments etc.

35,195,500
Cash-grants (PKR) provided to poor and poorest households with the support of Local Philanthropists, Local Communities, Rotary International, Akhuwat, Ehsaas Programme Govt, District Governments etc.

57,353
Poor and poorest households provided in-kind support ie essential food items, soaps, sanitizers, etc.

96,103,774
Total amount (PKR) of in-kind support provided to poor and poorest households.

CRPs review meeting of LSO Awaz Welfare Khawateen Union Council Kot, District Malakand

Meeting with DC Bahawalnagar about TTQ Implementation Community Mobilization through Rural Support Programmes (RSP)

Coordination Meeting with District Administration at TMA office Dargai, chaired by Mr. Rehan Khattak DC Malakand. ADC Dargai, TMO, Tiger Force and other stakeholders were also present.
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Summary of Achievements (as of May 15th, 2020)

- 61 Task-forces/ Special-committees set up by the divisional, district and tehsil authorities
- 71 Special-committees with active membership of LSO activists, CRPs and community leaders
- 20,203 Community volunteers trained on public awareness campaigns and preventive measures
- 31,333 Community Institutions (LSOs/ VOs/ COs) engaged to awareness campaigns and response activities
- 118,535 IEC material on COVID-19 distributed/ displayed in communities
- 31,064 Announcements made on Mobile phones/ Loud Speakers at local mosques/ religious places/ others etc.
- 29,222 Awareness sessions undertaken on COVID-19 outbreak and preventive measures
- 165,816 Assistance provided to HHs for registration with the GoPak’s Ehsaas Cash Programme
- 28,165 Community members making face-masks at home (78% Women)
- 68,539 Face-masks made by community members
- 17,588 Face-masks provided to the communities by NRSP

Support provided to public private health facilities

- 14 quarantine centers set-up by local authorities and private entities supported by provision of cooked food, surgical-masks, sanitisers and soap
- 626 public and private medical health facilities supported by provision of medicines, surgical-masks, sanitisers and soap
- 5,218 surgical-masks provided to these public and private centers
- 1,458 hand-sanitizers provided to these public and private centers
- 20,199 soaps provided to these public and private centers
The Rural Support Programmes (RSPs) aim at reducing poverty and improving quality of life of rural people.

The RSP’s experience of last three decades of working with people show that people have tremendous potential that when harnessed help them overcome the obstacles that come on their way to progress. In the times of natural calamities or outbreaks of diseases this potential takes the form of resilience. The RSPs harness this potential and resilience through the following:

- Community Organizations (generally known as COs/VOs/LSOs) and their members;
- Community Activists/Community Resource Persons (CRPs); and
- Linking people with government, NDMA/PDMA/DDMAs, District/Local Government

As regards the situation arising out of spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), NRSP believes that responding to COVID-19 situation will cover the following phases:

- Prevention of spread of coronavirus
- Relief support
- Recovery and rehabilitation

As regards to prevention of spread of coronavirus, the WHO has recognized social distancing as the most effective method. Following this requirement of social distancing, the RSPs have for the time being suspended the meetings of CIs and are currently working directly with the Community Activists/CRPs. The NRSP’s field units have compiled directories of these activists/CRPs. Here the social media, internet and cell phone technologies play a very important role, hence only those activists/CRPs are contacted who are well equipped and literate in using this technology. The NRSP’s Social Organizers have established a system of contacting these activists/CRPs on a daily basis and pass on approved messages/printed handouts or banners. They in turn coordinate with local/district government and the people through phone calls, door to door individual level contacts, announcements using loudspeakers or megaphones and other locally ways of communication. As soon as the government announced the completion of this phase of prevention and relief, the CIs meetings will be organized to engage people in the recovery and rehabilitation process for which various interventions are already available i.e. vocational and technical skills, microfinance, community investment fund, income generating grants, community physical infrastructure etc.

Based on the experience of responding to 2005 earthquake and 2010 floods NRSP has developed tremendous capacity to implement large scale projects through the platform of CIs and CRPs. At the same time, NRSP has developed sound procurement systems, financial management and M&E systems to ensure responsible management of government and donor funds. This experience will enable NRSP to implement the projects relevant to all the three phases of the response.
Coordination and preparations
» Participation in meetings organized by the district administration
» Coordination with CRPs/community volunteers for assessing ground situation and organizing awareness campaigns and other support
» Coordination with donors to evaluate possibility of diverting existing funds for combating coronavirus

Awareness Raising
» Distribution of pamphlets/brochures
» Displaying banners
» Mobile loud speaker/megaphone messages
» Announcements from local mosques
» WhatsApp groups

Service Delivery
» Demonstration of hand-wash and social distancing by CRPs to children

Future plans
» Identify suspect cases through CRPs/Activists
» Refer suspect cases for corona tests
» Prepare suspects for isolation
» Construct/provide missing facilities at BHU level/local isolation centers
» Initiate income generating activities through Community Investment Fund, Microfinance and vocational and technical skills trainings

COVID-19 Response

Donors/ Partners and Ongoing Initiatives

We are grateful to following donors including IFAD, PPAF, EU, WaterAid, UNICEF, Unilever, DFID, who have supported NRSP in fostering community institutions and activists/CRPs; and supporting NRSP during the current response. Following are some details of ongoing projects:

WaterAid:
Provided some grant for COVID awareness raising and hand washing facilities establishment in district of Thatta and Hyderabad city. Messages through FM radio, local cable network, mobile, banners, bill boards, posters were used for communication. (3.4 million PKR for Hyderabad, 0.5 million for Thatta)

BRSP/UNICEF:
Under their support NRSP is assessing few health facilities about hand washing and sanitation facilities and provided technical and financial support for implementation of any infrastructure need in five major health facilities of Kech, Gawadar, Lasbela and Panjgoor. Capacity building of health facility staff including sanitary workers and medical staff is also part of PCA along with disinfection process for facility. Awareness among communities and people visiting health facility is also part of the campaign. (16.2 million PKR, including cash and in kind support).

DAFPAK:
DAFPAK is funded by RSPN through PSI which gets funds from DFID. They have allowed postponing project activities of RH while engaging the team for awareness raising about COVID and participation of staff in TTQ if needed at local level.

UNILEVER:
More than 30,000 soaps were distributed among communities in Hyderabad, Lahore and Rawalpindi regions, which they are using along with awareness raising through LSOs and WISE programme.

PSSP/TACS/AWAZ:
Under these projects we are using existing project resources and teachers/volunteers for awareness raising against COVID 19 spread and support to poor households affected due to current situation. Awaz is currently planning to change its approach and focus on COVID which will be shared soon.


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TTQ Implementation - Community Mobilization through RSPs

Subject: TTQ Implementation - Community Mobilization Through Rural Support Program (RSP)

1. MoNHSRC, under the auspices of NCOC, has coordinated with RSPN that community organizations belonging to NRSP and other RSPs may be utilized by provinces/district administrations in fight against COVID-19.
2. Provinces and district administrations are requested to reach out to RSP organizations/focal persons in their respective provinces/districts. The community organizations may be employed to assist on any of the following activities while keeping in view the capacity of these organizations:
   a. Awareness campaign.
   b. Assistance in trace and quarantine.
   c. Disinfection of public places.
   d. Data collection.
   e. Hospital duties of volunteers.
   f. Ration collection and distribution.
   g. Utility store inspection.
   h. Price control and anti-hoarding measures.
   i. Anti-dengue measures.
   j. Any other task commensurate with their capability.
3. Following is recommended:
   a. Provincial/district administrations should incorporate RSP organizations in their existing community mobilization plans.
   b. RSP organizations should preferably be employed in respective areas of residence/influence.
   c. Provide resources to the RSP organizations, if required.
   d. Take ownership of employment.
4. Details of RSP organizations and their focal persons is given at Annexure A.
5. MoNHSRC Only: Please issue necessary instructions for meaningful conduct of subject activities.

To
Ministry of National Health Services Regulation and Coordination
Rural Support Programmes Network
Chief Secretary Punjab
Chief Secretary Sindh
Chief Secretary KP
Chief Secretary Balochistan
Chief Secretary AJK
Chief Secretary GB
Chief Commissioner Islamabad Capital Territory

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