



Sungi Development Foundation



COVID-19 Emergency Response Updated April 16, 2020



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Presently, the world is challenged with Covid19 (Corona Virus) pandemic. The World Health Organization (WHO) declared pandemic on March 11, 2020 and urged all countries to take preventive measures since there is no effective vaccine available to cure. Currently there are more than 1.4 million confirmed cases of Covid19 in about 200 countries while the total deaths had exceeded 125,000. The virus has halted social and economic activities around the world resulting into global slowdown and making hundreds of thousands of people jobless and affecting their livelihoods. Pakistan, amongst others, is also affected with regular growth in numbers of infected people across the country. Further, poor health facilities and weak economic conditions make Pakistan even more vulnerable.

COVID-19 and Pakistan: Having extended borders with China, Afghanistan and Iran, Pakistan is challenged to control spread of COVID19. In order to do so, provincial and federal governments have imposed partial lockdown in several cities across the country under the National Action Plan for COVID19. As the governments are adopting extreme measures to control the spread of the Virus, already challenging economic situation is further worsening. Resultantly, huge numbers of population particularly daily wagers and informal workforce have lost their livelihood and are at the verge of extreme hunger and absolute poverty. Moreover, poor knowledge, awareness and unhygienic conditions add further to the vulnerabilities of the people.

Situation in the Targeted Districts

Likewise, other district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Hazara division is also affected due to current crisis. The lockdown in these districts also has worst effects on the citizens of these districts not only by increasing their vulnerability but its psychological impacts on the people as well. The situation is worsening day by day.

According to the official data the numbers of cases reported in these districts are alarming. Around 42 quarantine centers, having a capacity of 1441 rooms and 14 halls, have been established in all eight districts of Hazara division to cope with

Most Vulnerable Groups

Although a large population is affected due to lockdown and COVID 19, there are certain groups of people who are more affected than others and their ability to access their livelihood is extremely compromised. As most of these groups are already substantially excluded (either neglected or discriminated) from the mainstream development and livelihood opportunities, the COVID 19 has multiplied their vulnerabilities. Sungi collected data and analysis reflects that these groups include; **women headed households; minorities; people with special needs; daily wagers; and transgender.**

Transgender are stigmatized and discriminated widely due to their sexual representation. They generally live out of fear and even deprived of their basic human rights. Despite some good initiatives, they have been socially secluded and poorly treated by public at large. Ongoing preventive measures have restricted social gatherings and cultural events affecting their livelihood. There are hundreds of transgender, who require urgent food support.

COVID19 has badly affected livelihood of people with special needs. PWDs' small enterprises, if any, are shut leaving them without an income and at the risk of hunger and malnutrition. These impacts could be mitigated if tailor-made actions and effective measures are taken by key stakeholders. Sungi is consistently advocating with governments to put in-place effective measures to reach-out. They are also likely to be more exposed to COVID19 as they face challenges in adopting basic preventive measures like hand washing, keep social distancing, isolating due to their dependence on others and having limited access to already stressed health services.

COVID19. Out of these 16 quarantine centers have been established in Haripur, with 258 rooms, 15 centers in Abbottabad with 867 rooms and 8 halls, 11 in Mansehra with 182 rooms.

Due to current scenario the daily wagger of all walks of life are suffering with trauma, because on one side authorities are not allowing them to go out and on other hand they are struggling for their livelihood. The category of people observed are most affected are Daily wagers, shop keepers including tailors, barbers, public transport operators, cloth shops and their staff, workshops, horsey, general stores, beauty parlors, hotels, tent services and their workers.

| | Haripur | Abbottabad | Mansehra |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|----------|
| Total Cases | 149 | 229 | 190 |
| Recoveries | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| Active Cases | 10 | 27 | 37 |
| Deaths | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| Suspected | 64 | 71 | 59 |
| Quarantine facilities | 16 | 15 | 11 |

Sungi Response to COVID-19

Sungi's policy indicates that interests of vulnerable and marginalized groups should be kept as top priority during disaster response. Since Sungi is connected with local communities, partner organization and citizen groups for about three decades now, its response and support to the affected communities is natural. During this long relationship, Sungi has produced thousands of community/social activist and formed number of CBO. During this crisis, Sungi is closely working with its local partners and respective district governments to raise awareness among the communities about health hygiene, connecting communities with available social safety nets, provision of food and Paramedic Protective Equipment (PPE) in effectively responding to COVID19.

- **Provision of Protective Equipment**

Since the beginning of the COVID19 response, the respective governments at the national, provincial and districts facing huge challenge to meet the needs of the ever growing needs of health facilities for Paramedic Protective Equipment (PPE). Sungi, on the request of district governments, provided PPEs (medicated masks and masks) to different quarantine facilities, government officials including police. Sanitary workers yet another vulnerable segment of society as there are performing their duties despite being at the risk for all sorts of health hazards. Sungi provided masks and gloves to the sanitary workers in districts Mansehra, Abbottabad and Haripur.

- **Establishing Referral Mechanisms**

Sungi, in collaboration with relevant district authorities, has strengthened the established mechanisms for improving access of the communities to the district public services and relief assistance in three districts. In this regard, the helpline numbers, availability of services and other facilitation information has been widely circulated among the Community awareness in both urban and rural settings. Sungi Partner Organization has played an instrumental role in disseminating such information to the communities living in far-flung areas of the districts.

- **Awareness Activities**

Awareness-raising is most important and effective prevention measure identified so far. Sungi along with district government



is engaged in mass mobilization and awareness-raising among the communities to adopt effective health and

hygiene measures for the protection of individuals and their families. In this regard, Sungi has disseminated information through large billboard, pamphlets, banners and other reading materials among the communities. These



billboards are placed at prominent places with the cities and busy market places. Likewise, reading materials and pamphlets have been distributed among the public at large.



• **Food Distribution to Vulnerable Families**

Food provision to the disadvantage groups has been a primary intervention by Sungi.

Besides providing direct support to the families, Sungi also generated support through volunteers, philanthropists, local businesses and influential. Most of the

| Details of Food packages distributed among disadvantage groups | | | | | | |
|--|---------|---------------|------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| Disadvantage Groups | Haripur | | Abbottabad | | Mansehra | |
| | Direct | Thr. linkages | Direct | Thr. linkages | Direct | Thr. linkages |
| Women Headed Families | 15 | 200 | 15 | 150 | 15 | 150 |
| Transgender | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | |
| PWDs | 15 | 75 | 15 | 100 | 15 | 25 |
| Minorities | 15 | | 15 | | 15 | |



Distribution of food package to a family at their door-step

In this regard, number of families have been identified and supplied with food packages adequate for a month.

Each food package contains essential items and a few health hygiene related material along with awareness pamphlets on cleanliness and hand washing methods.

support is provided with the support of district authority representatives. Following are the details of population details that have been reached out so far

| Number of individuals covered | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| Districts | Direct | Thr. linkages |
| Haripur | 330 | 1925 |
| Abbottabad | 330 | 1750 |
| Mansehra | 330 | 1225 |
| Total | 990 | 4900 |



Food packages are being handed over to district government representative

• **Coordination among district government and local Philanthropists**

Sungi is working with the district governments in identification of philanthropists who could extend support to the district governments. Sungi mobilized the government to hold meetings with the identified individuals, local businesses and philanthropists to mobilize funds and in-kind support. Couple of meetings has already been taken place, where some are planned in the coming days.

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پاکستان کو COVID-19، ایک وبا، اور جزوی طور پر لاک ڈاؤن نے شدید غربت، غذائی اور صحت کے مسائل کا سامنا کرنا پڑا ہے۔ سونگی اس صورتحال سے نمٹنے کے لیے ایک نئی مہم شروع کر رہی ہے۔ سونگی کو خیر خواہوں کے تعاون اور عطیہ داری کے ذریعے ہمدردی کے ساتھ ان کے مسائل کو حل کرنے کی ضرورت ہے۔

ہماری ترجیحات:
عزت و احترام رکھنے والے، اہل صحت اور معاشی طور پر کمزور گھرانوں کی مدد کرنے اور ان کی زندگی کو بہتر بنانے کے لیے درکار اشیاء کی فراہمی۔

رمضان فونڈ پیکیج

| Sl. No | Item Name/Brand | Quantity |
|--------|-----------------|----------|
| 1 | Flour (kg) | 30 kg |
| 2 | Oil | 5 kg |
| 3 | Rice | 5 kg |
| 4 | Tea | 3 kg |
| 5 | Spice | 400 gms |
| 6 | Spice | 1.5 kg |
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Appeal for Donations
Sungi Development Foundation

Pakistan is challenged with COVID 19, a pandemic, and has partial lockdown forcing huge number of families into extreme poverty, nutritional challenges and hunger. Despite major health risks, Sungi staff and volunteers are busy in providing relief to the families in close collaboration along with government authorities with the support of volunteers, local businesses and philanthropists.

Our priorities:
Women headed households, People with Disabilities, Domestic workers, Laborers, Transgender, Hawkers, Multi-faith groups

A number of potential beneficiaries have been identified in consultation with the district government. Your early response to this call will enable Sungi to reach out to those who are in dire need. Through this appeal, donations could be made both in kind or funds transfer.

Ramadan Fund Package

| Sl. No | Item Name/Brand | Quantity |
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| 1 | Flour (kg) | 30 kg |
| 2 | Oil | 5 kg |
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Since Sungi enjoys great reputation nationally after its effective emergency response during earthquake 2005, Sungi has also launched 'appeal for funds' to the general public for in-kind and financial support last week. This appeal for funds has been launched in both Urdu and English languages through social media. In response, some individuals and local businesses have already contributed in-kind which is expected to gain momentum in the coming days.

Supporting District Governments in Data Collection on Excluded Groups

Sungi is supporting district administration Abbottabad, Mansehra and Haripur in identification of vulnerable groups and families who are most likely to be affected due to the COVID19 and subsequent lockdown. So far, Sungi, along with its partners, has listed 539 PWDs headed families, 306 transgender, 1120 faith-based vulnerable families and about 4,876 women headed households. Both Sungi and relevant district governments have prioritized these for essential support in food and health hygiene in the coming days.



Meeting with District Social Welfare officer Abbottabad