



## **CFAR COVID-19 Response Project in Ajmer**

### **Centre for Advocacy and Research (CFAR)**

#### **Context**

With the onset of Covid-19 pandemic, the poor have been impacted the most. The nation-wide lock-down aimed at containing the epidemic has caused huge problems for vulnerable groups with no access to food and many other essential services.

Since the lockdown came into force on March 25, 2020 millions of migrant workers are left with no support, no social security and work. According to Annual Economic survey of India 2017, there are 139 million seasonal or circular migrants in the country. In Ajmer thousands of migrant workers from adjoining states working in the marble and lime stone mines and crushing factories and other allied work are in a state of great distress

In response to the call of IDRF and PTF to provide relief to mitigate the adverse effects of COVID 19 on migrant workers, CFAR proposes to provide 3-4 weeks grocery and hygiene kit to the most vulnerable households of migrant workers.

In the process of distributing relief we will also create awareness on Covid-19 and the precautions they must take to prevent transmission from person to person

This will entail reaching out and distributing grocery / hygiene kits to 880 households (4400 family members) of migrant workers residing in suburbs of Ajmer, block Kishangarh and Baewar

#### **Objective**

Overarching objective is to facilitate and complement local government's efforts to provide immediate relief to migrant workers whose lives have been disrupted by the corona crisis and who are currently unable to access the existing social safety nets for their basic essentials and to facilitate/restore access to safety net. Since the project is for interim bridge funding for immediate relief, CFAR will distribute kits of essential supplies to beneficiaries to see them through a period of 3-4 weeks.

Primary activities include:

- (i) Distribution of grocery/hygiene kit to the targeted households for 3-4 weeks
- (ii) Raising awareness of these households on COVID 19 and the precautions one needs to take to prevent transmission

Complementary activities comprise:

- a. Working with local governments to help identify marginalized migrant households and apprising them of the services and benefits available to them
- b. Facilitating fast track provision of government-mandated financial, social and health benefits to the targeted households
- c. Facilitating access to social safety net for those who are being excluded so that they can avail benefits beyond the transitional period.

### **Beneficiaries**

880 households or 4400 family members (beneficiaries) will be targeted

To identify the households that are most in need of the relief, CFAR will coordinate with the City Government and the department of labor and two local NGOs working with migrant workers in the areas (brief in annexure 1)

### **Project area/locations**

S.NO.	District	Block/Area	House holds	Type of work	Migrant State/City	Risk/Vulnerability
1	Ajmer	Beawar-RICO Industrial area	350	Stone crusher factory workers-Lime stone powder bag filling/daily wages	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal	Not covered in State Silicosis policy as they are migrants/  Death due to Silicosis not compensated/no health facilities at sites/no education for their children/lack of safety measures as masks/helmets/gloves

2	Ajmer	Ladupura, Kishangarh,Sh rinagar, Nasirabad	350	Brick kilns workers	Chattisgarh,Uttar Pradesh, Naguar (Rajasthan)	No health facilities/no education for their children
3	Ajmer	Kishagarh RICO Marble Industry	180	Marble industry workers, daily wage laborer, machine operators, loading and un-loading goods	Uttar Pradesh, Bihar,Pali, Naguar	No health facilities /no education for their children
<b>Total</b>			<b>880</b>			

### **Proposed Assistance**

The proposed assistance kit would include one-month supply of essential items and they are:

Food grains and related items such as-rice/wheat, dal or pulses, oil, salt, spice, tea and sugar

Safety/dignity kit-soap/sanitizer, sanitary napkin, masks, toothpaste

### **Creating awareness**

CFAR will raise citizen awareness on Covid-19 and the government initiatives to contain the pandemic and the role of the community representative in coordinating with frontline workers and designated medical authorities to prevent person to person transmission.

While providing the hygiene kit, will create awareness among community on hand hygiene, respiratory hygiene, social distancing and care of the elderly and children

We will also fast track the financial assistance, social and health benefits the government is committing to give to the migrant workers, widows and elderly by facilitating their access to social safety net

## **Duration and Implementation Arrangements**

One month – providing food and hygiene kits and awareness on preventive measures

The complementary activities will continue beyond the one-month period for about six months.

Start date: April 15, 2020

Implementation Arrangements: Annexure 1 CFAR will prepare and verify lists of vulnerable migrant workers needing relief and cross-check with two listed networks to revalidate the lists and ensure no omission of highly vulnerable families. Distribution will be CFAR responsibility.

Procurement source and method: The products will be purchased from local shops or government cooperative store on subsidized rates as per the state government order dated March 29, 2020 of Rajasthan Cooperative Consumer Society Limited for wheat flour, rice, pulses, soap, sugar, salt and spices kits with availability of combo pack.

## **Budget of per family kit**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Cost (in rs.)</b>
1	Flour	5 Kg	155
2	Rice	1 Kg	38
3	Salt	1 Kg	17
4	Sugar	1 Kg	40
5	Pulses	1 Kg	70
6	Oil	1 Kg	100
7	Tea	250 gms	40
8	CTC (coriander, turmeric, chilli)	150 gms	150
9	Soap (handwash/bath)	300 gms (2)	50

10	Soap (washing clothes)	150 gms (1)	20
11	Mask	Home-made (SHGs)	25
12	Sanitizer	100 ml	50
13	Sanitary napkin	1 packet	25
14	Toothpaste	50 gms	20
<b>Total</b>			<b>800</b>

### **Coordination with local authorities**

CFAR is represented in Ajmer City Task Force for COVID-19 relief presided by Commissioner, Ajmer Nagar Nigam and District Collector and we will carry out the activities in close coordination with this apex body

The Commissioner, Nagar Nigam has expressed readiness to collaborate on PTF/IDRF migrant workers initiative as part of the Covid-19 response.

### **Monitoring**

CFAR will document the process through videos, photos, news releases, day to day MIS and document case studies across the areas (annexure 3)

### **Plans for connecting with social safety net**

CFAR will enlist all the workers and members of their families and will plan for their inclusion under each safety net announced by the Central and state government and will facilitate the process of reaching the benefit to the neediest and will also create a pathway on long term mitigation strategies and plans of Government

**8. Total Amount of Grant Requested-\$13,000.**

**9. Line item budget-attached separately**

## ANNEXURES

### Annexure 1: Brief of networks

<p>Network 1: Prayas Sanstha</p> <p>Prayas is working with migrant workers in a concerted manner in district Ajmer with the migrants from Bihar and Uttar Pradesh</p> <p>Network 2 :Gramin Evam Samajik Vikas Sanstha (GSVS)</p> <p>GSVS is working in Rajasthan on urban poverty and migrants with focus on their occupational vulnerability in urban areas and strengthening their access to basic needs such as identity documentation, social entitlements, housing and financial services.</p>
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### Annexure 2: Government announcements

<p>Government has announced several social welfare measures keeping in mind the adverse effect of Covid-19 among poor community</p>	
Central	State
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Over and above 5kg of rice/wheat that is already given, another 5 kg per person will be given free to around 80 crore people through PDS. Besides, one kg of preferred and region-specific choice of pulse will also be given.</li> <li>• Old age/widows: An ex-gratia amount of Rs 1,000 for next three months available in two installments. It will benefit 3 crore widows and senior citizens.</li> <li>• Ex gratia of Rs 500 per month for next three months. This will benefit 20 crore women.</li> <li>• Women Ujjawala scheme beneficiaries: For three months, free cylinders. Will benefit 8.3 crore BPL families</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 78 lakh beneficiaries of pension in the state will get two months pension in advance</li> <li>• National Food Security Act (NFSA) entitled beneficiaries will get two months ration free of cost</li> <li>• Every needy and urban poor will get food packets through urban local bodies entire lock down period (morning and evening)</li> <li>• In the state approx. 36 lakhs, 51 thousand BPL, state BPL and Antodaya households and 25 lakh registered construction workers and street vendors and who are not getting any pension will get one-time financial assistance of Rs. 2500/-</li> <li>• For providing essential medicines to the patients the special control rooms have been established at state and district level which will further link the patients to the nearby chemist shop for regular supply of medicine</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State advisory has been announced for Industries and factories to transfer online the monthly payments to the workers without any deduction of the lock-down period</li> </ul>
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**Annexure-3: Activities proposed and means of verification**

<b>1. Indicators of change</b>	<b>Means of Verification</b>
Number of households provided grocery/ hygiene kit	MIS/ signatory list
No of workers and their family members made aware of safety nets under Covid-19	MIS /Case study
No of media reports/ videos / WhatsApp messages generated	Copies
No. of households made aware of government directives and linked / benefitted	MIS
No of households who gain access to the social safety net with CFAR help	MIS