Launch of Campaign "Corona Ke Sang Jeena"
CNISBSS with DBSS launched the Campaign- “Corona ke Sang Jeena” (Living in times of Corona), to create awareness and equip people on how to live safely during COVID-19 and engage in day-to-day activities at home and at the workplace. As the rural economy is slowly reviving and people are going back to work, it is imperative to prepare and inform people about the necessary precautions and preventive measures they can undertake.

The Rt. Revd. M. U. Kasab, Bishop of Marathwada Diocese and Chairperson, CNI SBSS launched the campaign at DBSS Marathwada in July 2020. The campaign activities have been initiated at DBSS – Marathwada, Chotanagpur, Nasik, Nagpur and Durgapur. These include: community meetings and discussions, awareness through wall writing, distribution of educational materials among children to assist them in their studies and livelihood support to communities through MGNREGA, farm activities and SHG activities.
For an effective reach, DBSSs are using an Information Dissemination Vehicle, which takes multiple rounds of various villages and Panchayats and creates awareness on safety measures against COVID-19. This comprises of personal, home and environmental hygiene measures, protocols for workplaces and public places and different Govt. schemes which the community can avail during this time and get benefitted. Handwashing with soap, maintaining social & physical distance and use of facemasks is being emphasized.
बाने में कोरोना के प्रति लोगों को जागरूक करने के लिए रथ रवाना

बाने | कोरोना महामारी पर जागरूकता अभियान को लेकर जागरूकता रथ को रवाना किया गया। जागरूकता रथ को सीटिंग भाषण, बीडीओ स्मार्ट खाने, प्रमुख सेवानी बनाने द्वारा हरी जांच कराकर रवाना किया गया। कोरोना महामारी पर जागरूकता अभियान के तहत जागरूकता रथ डिजाइनिंग रूप से विस्तारित किए गए और सेवायें सर्वसाधारण बाने के द्वारा बाने प्रयाग के सभी रास्तों में कोरोना महामारी के प्रति सामने आए।

Creating Awareness

DBSS Durgapur
Creating Awareness

Wall Writing at DBSS Nasik, Chotanagpur and Nagpur. Child Clubs and local youth were also involved in the activity.
With support of Gram Sabha members, 30 youths from the community were oriented and asked to Join, Participate, Learn and Win through Wall Writing competition. They wrote slogans on health and hygiene to create awareness in the community.
Creating Awareness

DBSS Nagpur

DBSS Nasik

DBSS Marathwada
Distribution of Educational Materials

DBSS Marathwada

DBSS Nagpur
Distribution of Educational Materials

DBSS Chotanagpur
Diocese of Bombay with support of CNI SBSS distributed ration kits to 112 needy families at the Dharavi slum on 23rd July 2020. The Pastorate committee of the Good Shepherd Church, CNI, Pastor Rev. James William of the church, Diocesan Office Bearers and DBSS staff were involved in distribution process.
Covid 19 Pandemic has impacted everyone in the world and has forced humanity to pause, reflect and re-assess our values, priorities and made us to evaluate our lives and life styles. The magnitude of the challenge the lockdown brought, in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, was doubled for the most vulnerable communities across the country, such as the dalits and tribal communities, migrant labourers, slum dwellers, waste pickers, widows and elderly, both in rural and urban areas.

Relief materials like ration kits and hygiene kits (soap, sanitizer, sanitary pads) and masks were distributed along with creating awareness and assisting in conducting medical check-ups for the people. DBSS teams also provided indirect support through volunteering in Govt. relief and in generating local resources and funds to help communities.

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Overall Response

- States - 6
- Districts - 13
- Villages - 95
- Urban Slums - 2
- Beneficiaries - 27000+

Beneficiaries Background-
Dalit and Tribal communities
(Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes)

CNI SBSS
Geographical Coverage
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PROCESS

Application filed at Block Level with Govt. to carry out relief work

Permission letter received from Govt. to carry out the relief work

*Making list of target beneficiaries to reach the most marginalized

Purchasing relief materials and managing logistics for transportation

Awareness Sessions, Medical Check-ups, house-visits, children’s activities

Distribution of relief materials to the community in batches with support of Church leaders and POs

Erection of Distribution stalls and points in the village following COVID-19 safety protocols

Meeting with PRI and People’s Organization to orient them on relief distribution process

*Including those who have no ration cards and lack official documents, families of migrant workers

Focus / Approach of the Response

Beneficiaries:
- Daily Wage labourers
- Landless Agricultural labourers and BPL category
- Migrant labourers like Sugarcane Cutters, Factory workers
- Construction workers
- Brick Kiln workers
- Small vendors from informal sector
- Slum & Pavement Dwellers

✓ With special focus on Women, Old-age pensioners, children, adolescent girls, Persons With Disability (PWD)
✓ DBSSs worked with various church pastorates of CNI to carry out relief work
✓ Relief materials: cooked food, ration kits and hygiene kits (soap, sanitizer and sanitary pads), masks along with creating awareness and assisting in conducting medical check-ups for the people.
Association with Church

DBSS relief initiatives with Church Pastorates and Congregational members as part of Church Mission Engagement (CME) of CNI SBSS:

- CNI schools and hospitals converted into Government Quarantine Centres-
  - Premises of Oxford Mission in Behala, St Thomas School, Howrah
  - CNI School at Ahmednagar provided shelter and quarantine facility to 30 migrant sugarcane cutters
  - St Stephens Hospital, Delhi turned one of their wards into an isolation ward for COVID+ cases, and Philadelphia Hospital has been made available for quarantine facility
- Cooked food, ration kits and hygiene kits, masks distributed to the communities in different church pastorates in both rural and urban areas
- Participation and volunteering by Women's Fellowship Committee (WFC) and Youth Fellowship of CNI

Few Churches and Pastorates who supported in relief material distribution along with DBSS:

- **Calcutta Diocese**: Emmanuel Church Keshtopur, Cathedral Social Services, St. Thomas Church Behala
- **Barrackpore Diocese**: Emmanuel Church Gosaba block, St. Thomas Church at Sabnamaskar village, Women's Fellowship Committee (WFC) of CNI at Rajarampur village
- **Maharashtra Diocese**: Dhakefal Church, Holy Trinity Church, Aurangabad
- **Chhattisgarh Diocese**: CNI Church Tilda
- **Bombay Diocese**: The Good Shepherd's Church Dharavi, St. Mary the Virgin Church, English Congregation at Parel
- **Chotanagpur Diocese**: Kandara District Council, CNI Church Bano, GEL church of village Ella, CNI church Tarkara, CNI church Nawa Toly Bano.
- **Various churches of Amritsar Diocese, Cuttack Diocese, Nasik Diocese**
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