COVID-19 RELIEF & CAMPAIGN
CNI SBSS

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The ongoing lockdown, in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, has affected the lives of some of the most vulnerable communities across the country, such as the dalits, migrant labourers, waste pickers, widows, elderly etc., both in rural and urban areas. It is to cushion the impact of the crisis on these sections, and to ensure their access to essentials, CNI SBSS along with DBSS have become active in providing relief materials like cooked food and ration to the people in need, as the first emergency response. The relief work will be followed by various rehabilitation initiatives to sustain the livelihood of the people in the near future.

ISAIAH 58:10
Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon.

DBSS Kolkata: Emmanuel Church Keshtopur and pastorate community in partnership with Cathedral Social Services looking after the needy both in rural and urban areas.

DBSS Barrackpore: Relief work distribution at Emmanuel Church in Gosaba block under Sabnamaskar & Barabari village.

SEDP Amritsar: Diocese of Amritsar along with Mazdoor Adhikar Sangathan (local labour rights institution) are actively involved in providing relief material to people. With CNI SBSS support they are reaching 300 families at Ajnala and Khemkaran areas.
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**DBSS Chotanagpur:** SHG women from Chirubeda, Ukauli Panchayat, Bano block are engaged in distribution of ration and identifying destitute people to provide help from Govt.

**DBSS Kolhapur:** Production of 5000 masks in process at Kodoli village through SHG women of Garment unit. 300 Food packets distributed at Sangli. Dalit Samaj Vikas Parishad helping to create awareness in the community.

**DBSS Marathwada:** Food distribution in Dhakefal Church by DBSS Marathwada with support of Diocese and Holy Trinity Church, Aurangabad.

**DBSS Cuttack:** Food 100 dry ration materials handed over to Cuttack Municipality for distribution.
As the government's 21-day lockdown continues, CNI SBSS along with DBSS is stepping up its efforts to continue to deliver "essential services" to the needy, especially the migrant labourers who have been stuck in different states of India. Maharashtra being the sugar belt of India has been majorly affected. Next to them are the daily wage earners, small vendors, construction workers and landless labourers from BPL families who are being provided ration and hygiene kits by DBSSs in Punjab, West Bengal and Odisha.

**DBSS Kolhapur:** Community kitchens are being run for the migrant sugarcane cutters living in temporary shelters and provided with hygiene kits. Awareness sessions are being taken by the DBSS staff on handwashing, disposal of waste and on Govt. rules for COVID-19.

**DBSS Nasik:** Around 30 migrant sugar cane cutters of native Buldhana district of Maharashtra have been entrusted under the care of DBSS Nasik along with CSRD (Center for Study in Rural Development) by the Police Department. They are being provided a safe shelter, food and other essentials. DBSS Nasik is engaged in generating local donations from individuals and churches to support this group.
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UPDATE II
As of 20th April 2020

[Images of people in masks, engaging in various activities]
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SEDPMeritsar: Dry ration handed over to village volunteers for villages Chawinda Kalan, Chawinda Khurd, Shahura and Asrapur in Attari area.

Dry ration and Masks distributed by SEDP along with Diocese of Amritsar to 58 needy families in villages Sarangra, Manj, Pandori and Navjeevan in Attari area.
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CNI SBSS Reach at a Glance

**MAHARASHTRA**
3 Districts
6 Villages
750 Beneficiaries

**PUNJAB**
2 Districts
13 Areas
1187 Beneficiaries

**WEST BENGAL**
1 District
12 Villages
745 Beneficiaries

**ODISHA**
1 District
2 Slums
2450 Beneficiaries

CNI SBSS Direct Support to 4 DBSSs to provide essentials
Indirect Support provided by DBSS teams through volunteering in Govt. relief and resource generation

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The various congregations of The Church of North India and its Dioscesan Board of Social Services are continuing to spread hope and attending to the needs of the poor and marginalised people both in rural and urban areas. As part of the *Church Mission Engagement (CME) Program of CNI SBSS, the church members from both rural and urban congregations are volunteering to help in relief initiatives- packing and distributing relief materials, running community kitchens, packed food distribution, creating awareness and assisting in conducting medical check-ups.

**DBSS Calcutta:** The Mahila Adhikar Manch (MAM), which is a community based Women's local body in our field areas at DBSS Kolkata are helping in creating awareness and distribution of sanitation materials, masks etc. Around 3500 masks have been distributed in the communities till now.

*CME aims to prepare the Church/ Local congregation to take forward this mission by effectively integrating itself with the plight of the powerless, and restore their human dignity. It further envisages that congregations will develop and implement programs of their own to address human development and empowerment needs of Dalit, Tribal, women and children etc.*
Awareness among children from Child Club and Youth Club by MAM, community leaders and youth leaders at Hatgachia and Kulbaria village.

DBSS Calcutta in partnership with St. Thomas Church distributed masks and relief materials to 70 pavement dwellers.
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As of 30th April 2020

SEDP Amritsar: Mask distribution to brick kiln workers at village Chawinda Kalan and Grain market at village Sarangra in Attari area. SEDP has distributed relief materials in form of ration kits to 272 families and masks to 1177 people till now.

DBSS Nasik: Health check-ups are being conducted for 39 migrants who have taken shelter at Ahmednagar. DBSS Nasik is ensuring their food and other essentials procured with local funds.
Food distribution at the shelter and the shelter sanitized as per Govt. rules for fighting COVID-19

Relief Initiatives under Church Mission Engagement (CME)

Diocese of Calcutta: The Rt. Revd. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta Diocese, distributing essential medicines and relief material along with volunteers from different churches.
As of 30th April 2020

Diocese of Barrackpore: Relief material distribution carried out by different Church Pastorates

Diocese of Chhattisgarh: Relief initiatives by CNI Church Tilda led by Rev. Mrs. Sushma Kumar, Presbyter in Charge, Vice Chairperson, CNI SBSS
Diocese of Cuttack: Distribution of hygiene kits (consisting 4 soaps and 5 masks in each pack) to 700 families at Kathojori Vihar slum, CDA-7
Diocese of Bombay: The Good Shepherd's Church, Dharavi, under the leadership of Rev. William James Anna and volunteers from St. Mary the Virgin Church, English Congregation at Parel, distributing food to the needy in the city.

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CNI SBSS REACH FOR COVID-19 RELIEF

STATES: 5
DISTRICTS: 8
VILLAGES: 40
URBAN SLUMS: 2
BENEFICIARIES: 5700+

Maharashtra
Punjab
West Bengal
Odisha
Jharkhand

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

Life Slowly Going Back to Normal...
MGNREGA Work began at DBSS Nagpur to revive the rural economy...
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"We also want to help!"

The migrant sugarcane cutters who were in transit going back to their village, took shelter at a Ahmednagar School under the care of DBSS Nasik. As a thanksgiving gesture they are helping in re-painting the walls of the school.
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DBSS Chotanagpur: Distribution of ration and other essentials at Torpa & Bano

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DBSS Calcutta: Ration distributed to 100 families at Kulberia village by The Rt. Revd. Paritosh Canning, Bishop of Calcutta Diocese along with DBSS team

As of 21st May 2020
DBSS Barrackpore: Relief initiative by St. Thomas Church at Sabnamaskar village and Raghabpur Pastorate at Bishnupur-I block. Relief kits were distributed to 73 and 53 individuals by church members and DBSS Barrackpore respectively under Church Mission Engagement Program of CNI SBSS

The Women's Fellowship Committee (WFC) of CNI at Rajarampur village under Kulardari Gram Panchayat distributed relief kits to 152 families. Most of the beneficiaries are part of local Capacity Building Organisation (CBO) in the village
DBSS Nasik: Fun activities and games organised by DBSS to keep people engaged and active at the Ahmednagar school shelter. Daily routine consists of activities like interaction with kids, awareness sessions by doctors, cooking together in the community kitchen and sorting relief materials for distribution.
DBSS Nagpur: Masks and Sanitizers distributed along with educating people on safe at work protocols at Sonegaon village

DBSS Kolhapur: Distribution of ration to 50 beneficiaries at Malgaon village and face masks distributed to brick kiln workers at Kerle village
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As the Government extends the lockdown period, CNI SBSS along with DBSS have begun focusing on reviving the rural economy, along with providing relief materials to communities still in need. Farming and kitchen gardening have resumed, along with few alternative livelihood initiatives in collaboration with other NGOs, and linking with Govt. schemes to initiate income generation for the communities.

As of 2nd June 2020
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DBSS Marathwada: Dry ration distributed at Bidkin (Kalyan nagar, Sadat nagar), Dhorkin, Ozar, Pandharohal villages with support of The Rt. Revd. M. U. Kasab, Bishop of Marathwada Diocese and Chairperson, CNI SBSS, along with diocese office bearers and representatives from local administration.
DBSS Nasik: Dry ration and hygiene kits were distributed to 30 beneficiaries of Jamgaon, Bhandgaon & Dhotre villages supported by CNI SBSS. Diocesan leaders, Diocesan Women's Fellowship members and youth group helped in purchase and distribution of the materials.

Dry ration and soaps distributed to 20 beneficiaries at Karegaon, Bherdpur & Khiridi villages of Nasik DBSS.
Vegetable farming resumed at Nasik field area by SHG women farmers of DBSS Nasik

DBSS Kolhapur: Face masks distributed at Malgaon and Vijayanagar field areas of DBSS Kolhapur
DBSS Calcutta: A Livelihood Centre - NARI DANA (giving wings to women) has been established at Kulberia village in collaboration with CRS (Cathedral Relief Services), a Kolkata based Christian NGO. 34 community women participated in the launch event. Initially 15 women would be selected to undergo training in stitching and tailoring at this unit.

Masks locally produced by SHGs were distributed to children at Hatgachia village of DBSS Calcutta. A separate awareness session, only catering to children was conducted on COVID-19 safety measures.
DBSS Chotanagpur: Ration and hygiene kits with sanitary pads distributed at Bano and Kamdara field area by DBSS along with support of local church leaders. A small awareness session was also conducted for women and girls by DBSS team on Menstrual Hygiene Day (28th May 2020)

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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.
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 Nagpur

DBSS Marathwada
Distribution of Educational Materials
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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.

**Overall Response**

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

Beneficiaries Background-
Dalit and Tribal communities
(Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes)
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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 Kih 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 pastorate 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
- **Marathwada 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

- **Chhotanagpur Diocese**: Kandara District Council, CNI Church Bano, GEL church of village Ella, CNI church Tapkara, CNI church Nawa Toly Bano
- **Various churches of Amritsar Diocese**, **Cutack Diocese, Nasik Diocese**
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