

OUR RESPONSE TO COVID 19 PANDEMIC



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COVID 19: OUR RAPID, COMPREHENSIVE AND CO-ORDINATED RESPONSE TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES

2020 will be the year forever associated with COVID 19 pandemic. Countries around the world, including India had to go into immediate lockdown to stop the virus from spreading and words such as 'quarantine', 'testing', 'isolation', 'social distancing' and so on suddenly became commonplace, as did the practice of wearing masks and washing hands.

The surge in the number of COVID cases has posed unprecedented challenges and uncertainties for the poor and marginalized groups, leading to insecurity, stigma and severe loss of livelihoods.

As per official records, there are 420 million people who work in the informal sector as daily wage earners, street vendors, farm labourers, etc. A majority of them were already living a hand-to-mouth existence and are now suffering even more without livelihoods.

This period also coincided with the tropical cyclone Nisarga that made landfall and swept through Raigad region creating multiple impacts on the vulnerable communities by claiming lives and leaving a trail of destruction and misery. This led to double trouble for the people as they were left homeless, roofless and penniless swiping away their basic essentials.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS

PRIDE India geared up its entire humanitarian aid system soon after the imposition of the lockdowns, to reach out to poorest and most marginalized people impacted by the pandemic. The team began working round the clock with local partners to deliver the much-needed assistance to curb to spread the virus and reach out to help the communities in need.

OUR FOCUS AREAS:



**FOOD
KITS AND
LIVELIHOOD
SUPPORT**



**HEALTH
WARRIORS
& MEDICAL
SUPPORT**



**COMMUNITY
INTERVENTION
& HYGIENE
SUPPORT**

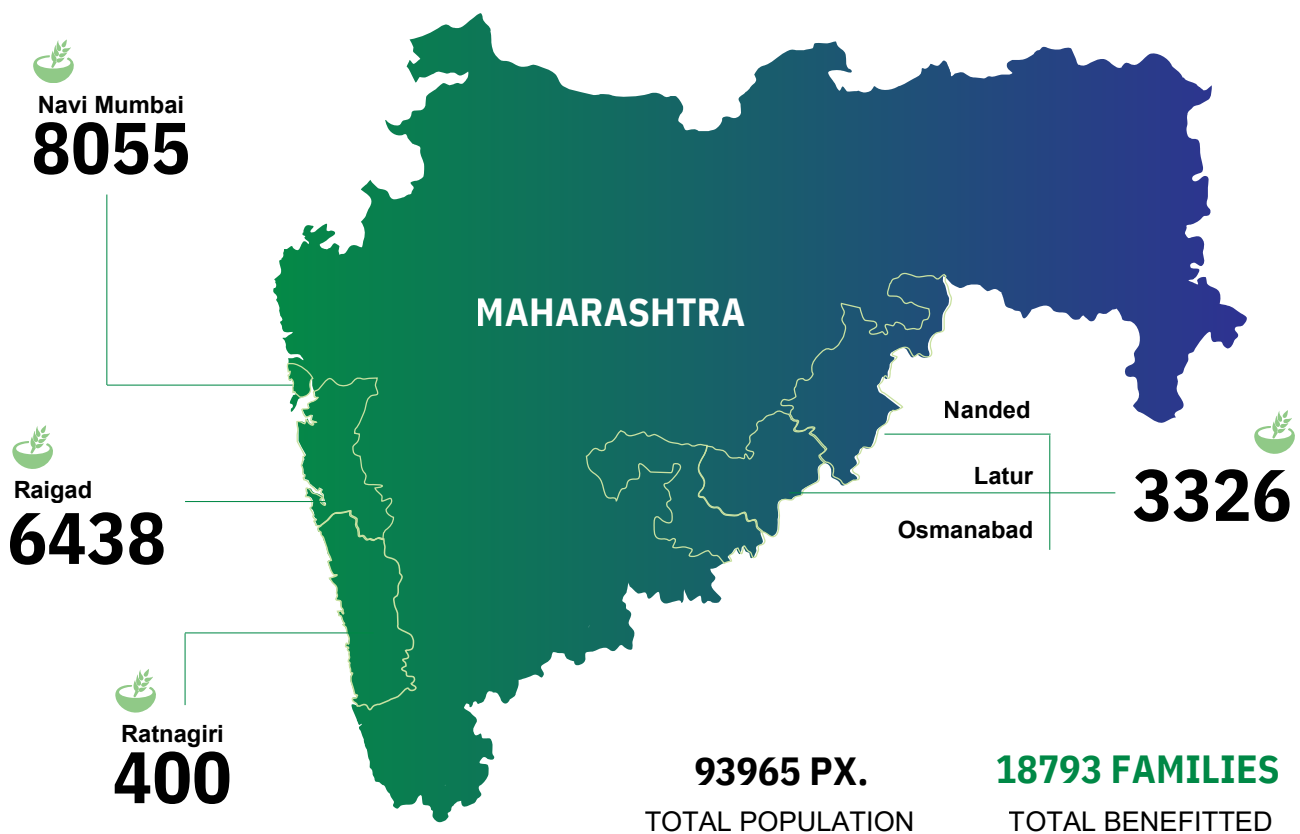
SUPPORTING THE VULNERABLE FAMILIES WITH FOOD ESSENTIALS AND LIVELIHOOD



The food kits were distributed to vulnerable communities including tribal, daily wage workers, migrants, elderly, single women, widows, HIV infected, etc. across rural and urban Maharashtra and was designed to supplement the government ration kits. Each food kit consisted of rice, flour, lentils, spices, cooking oil, salt, sugar, tea, detol, soap, tea sufficient to sustain a family of four for 21 days. The hygiene kits contained essentials like

masks, bathing soaps, sanitizers, and sanitary pads for the young women and adolescent girls.

PRIDE India supported vulnerable families in Mahad block of Raigad District with livelihood through the distribution of the tailoring machines, fishing nets and with vegetable cultivation that will help foster a sustainable income. This will also support their families even after the crises.



501	+	70	+	23	=	574
Tribal - Fishing Net		Women Tailoring Machines		Families (Vegetable Cultivation)		



FOOD KITS



LIVELIHOOD SUPPORT

“ I am a widow, living alone as my son migrated in search of work. Since there was no income, my neighbours helped me daily with two meals for my survival. But during the COVID 19 pandemic, my neighbours were unable to support me further due to loss of job. I had been starving until I received the support of food grains and hygiene materials from PRIDE India. PRIDE India also connected me to the Public Distribution System and ensured that I received food grains, during these crucial times. I am sincerely very thankful to them as without their support I do not know how I would have survived.”

-Ms. Hadaki Maruti of Atone Adiwasi Wadi, 85 year old

“ I am the sarpanch of Pali Gram panchayat. I belong to a tribal family from Sudhagad Pali, the most backward block in Raigad district. Most of the population from the block belong to the Tribal and Thakur community. During the COVID 19 pandemic, many families, especially the tribals migrated back to their hamlets due to loss of their livelihood finding it very challenging to make ends meet. PRIDE India extended their support with food grain and hygiene materials which brought some relief to these families. I am truly grateful to PRIDE India for this support.”

- Sarpanch Ms. Ananta Walekar of Sudhagad block in Raigad



HEALTH WARRIORS & MEDICAL SUPPORT



The health workers played an integral part in the response to COVID 19 by taking on significant personal risk and working without adequate equipments. These frontline workers stived to ensure a strong resilient health system and order for everyone. To reduce the risk and the strain that they are facing, PRIDE India extended its support to the frontline workers with PPE kits, gloves, masks, like medical staff from the hospitals and the health post, police officials and other frontline workers on the forefront.

During this critical phase, PRIDE India's SPARSH Rural Hospital worked round the clock in its full strength and dedication towards the medical care and support with the immediate set up of 10 bedded isolation ward and special fever clinics for screening, diagnosis and treatment of the suspected symptomatic coronavirus patients to clinically combat the spread of the infection.

Health institutions like COVID Care Centre, Health posts, Hospitals were supported with medicine kits, sanitizers, oxygen concentrators.

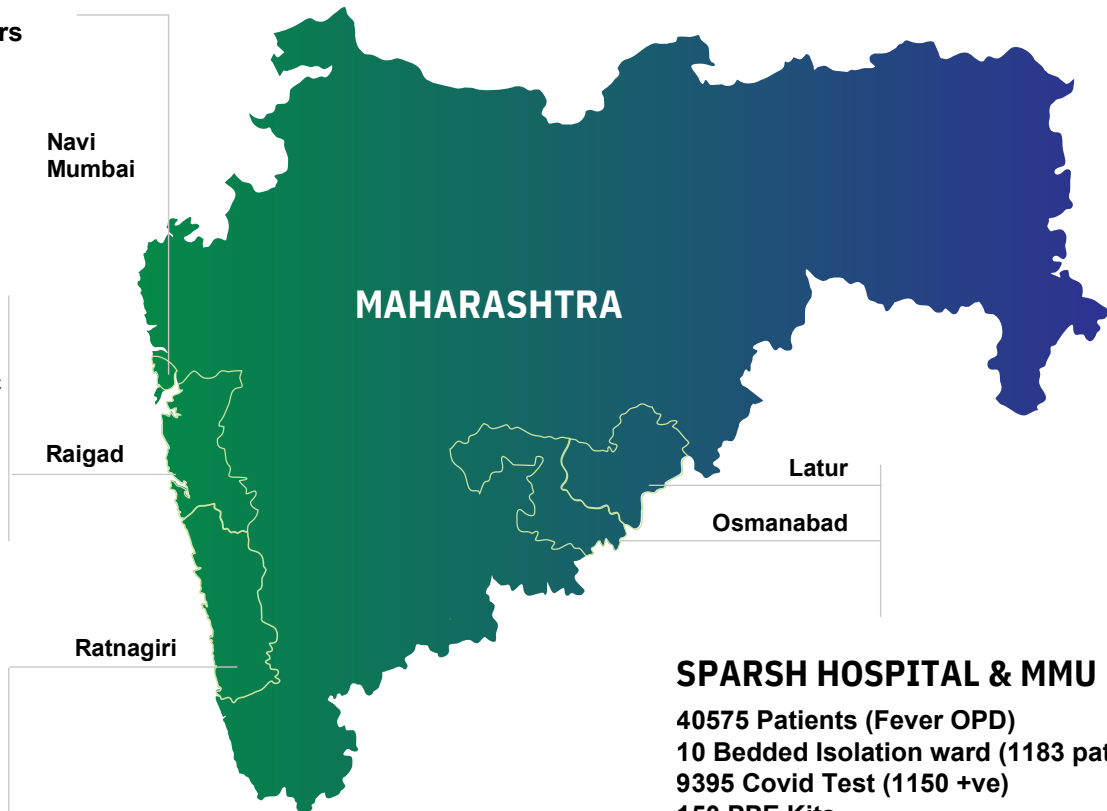
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- 560 Masks (Police Officials)
- 250 Sanitiser
- 4 Auto Sanitisers
- 2350 Masks (Health Post / Hospital)
- 1000 Gloves
- 100 PPE
- 300 Sanitisers

6
O₂ Concertrators in CCC

500
Medicine Kits

50
Sets of Utensils

75
Bedded CCC



SPARSH HOSPITAL & MMU
40575 Patients (Fever OPD)
10 Bedded Isolation ward (1183 patients)
9395 Covid Test (1150 +ve)
150 PPE Kits
2000 Gloves
1700 Masks

COVID CARE CENTRE
1500 Medicine Kits
825 Nutrition Snack Bar

We are glad that we have the benefit of the services at the door step of the village from the Mobile Medical Unit even in this lockdown. It saves us from the long- distance travel and getting infected while travel. Also during lock down no public transport was available and hence we would have to spent a lot of money on private transport for the medical services. This has helped our families in getting proper medical treatment and also screening of COVID patients in our village. We are thankful to PRIDE India and all it's supporters.

- Shaila Mishra Gawade, Osmanabad



It was my ninth month of pregnancy when I was rushed to SPARSH Rural Hospital, 38 km away from my village, as I was experiencing continuous severe abdominal pain and also bad throat pain for two days. When I reached SPARSH, immediately my Rapid Antigen test was done which came positive. Transferring me to the COVID hospital was a big risk as the doctors said that I could deliver any time due to other complications. Maintaining all precautions and with great care by the doctors, I gave birth to a 2.6 kg child, through a normal delivery. Once my health was stabilized, I was referred to Ayurvedica COVID Care Center, Osmanabad for further treatment. My family who was very stressed and tensed about my baby's and my health and was relieved and happy with the birth of the baby girl. I can not be more thankful for the prompt treatment and care taken for saving me and my baby.

- Sneha Prakash
Chillhale Wadi Village , Nilanga, Latur



COMMUNITY INTERVENTION AND HYGIENE SUPPORT



As preventive health measures to curb the spread of the virus locally, COVID awareness with the help of IEC programmes and loudspeakers were conducted to empower the citizens with the right information.

To reduce the COVID 19 transmission in the communities, mitigation activities by PRIDE

India were implemented with the deployment of sanitizer dispensers in 6 Turbe slum community toilets used by **1800 people**.

Besides this with the support of PRIDE India **16000 masks** stitched by Self-Help groups sold locally in Raigad.

1800

Sanitiser Dispensers

in 6 Public Toilets

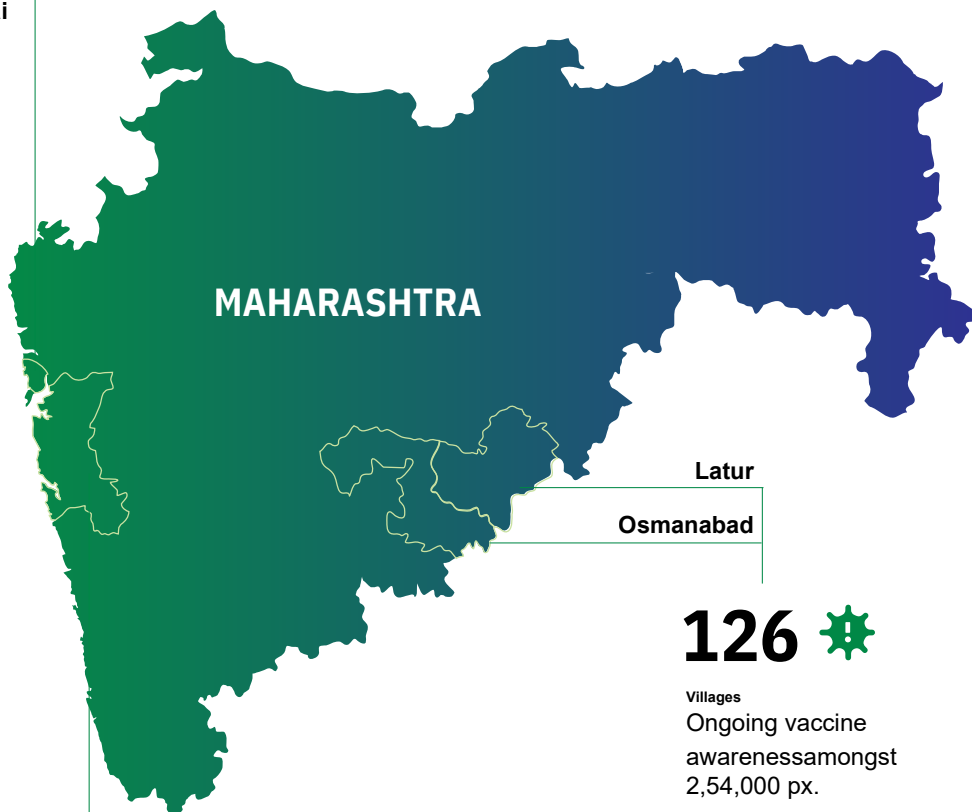
1250

Hygiene Kits & Sanitary Napkins for Women

1500

Masks were Provided for Children

Navi Mumbai



126

Villages
Ongoing vaccine awareness amongst 2,54,000 px.

62 Villages
Ongoing vaccine awareness amongst 31,000 px.

2921

Hygiene Kits for Daily Wage Earners & Rural Families

16000

Masks Stitched by Self-Help Groups Sold Locally



HYGIENE SAFETY & COMMUNITY INTERVENTION



COVID-19 AWARENESS



Awareness sessions on the importance of following COVID protocols were conducted with the rural communities with the focus on proper hygiene and handwashing practices to combat and prevent the spread of Covid 19 transmission locally.