

Report of COVID-19 Relief Work in 35 Blocks: 12 August to 14 September, 2021

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Ekal Nari Shakti Sansthan (The Organization of Strong Women Alone) distributed dry ration items for COVID-19 relief to people from August 12, 2021 to September 14, 2021 in 33 Blocks, and in 99 Gram Panchayats of 16 Districts of Rajasthan, and in 19 Wards of 2 urban areas. These food items were distributed by Ekal Nari Shakti Sansthan to associated poor widows and other now destitute persons of the area who had been badly affected economically by COVID-19. Also, in the month of August, some Districts were badly affected by monsoon flooding, and in those areas also we distributed relief items to affected Single Women. It was of great help to the suffering Single Women and their families. In the selected Gram Panchayats, we distributed the relief rations to 30 Single Women, although there are more than 30 Single Women members in the Panchayat, but we selected the most needy. This selfless humanitarian relief work has been made possible by the Wipro Foundation (APPI).

❖ **Distribution of relief rations has been an important way that the Single Women Sansthan has been able to help the women *and* strengthen the Sansthan.**

- This distribution of rations relief work, has enabled the Executive Members and the workers to go to the field areas of the others and they have gotten a chance to learn from the work done together
- The Single Women leaders got the opportunity, in one month of relief work, to travel to 35 Blocks, 99 Panchayats and a couple of city areas and meet all the Single Women members covered, and to understand the actual situation of the work in each area. The area covered by the relief work was 41% of the area covered by the Single Women Sangathan/ Association.
- Some issues and cases were uncovered during the relief distribution work, which were not known before. For these, the Single Women workers can deal with them in the future.



- In the course of distributing the rations, the team was able to hold some meetings with the Single Women, and local government elected leaders were contacted.
- The ration distribution teams were able to distribute pamphlets and explain about COVID-19 vaccination and preventive practices.
- Because of Covid restrictions and lockdowns, it has been some time



since Single Women leaders have had a chance to get together to implement a large community program, and to meet others in the field. Distribution of relief rations gave the Single Women this opportunity, and their self-confidence and enthusiasm for community work increased!

- In doing this work, the relief teams got the contact phone numbers of the benefitted women which will be useful in future work of monitoring and follow-up.
- From this help to Single Women, the Sangathan / Association will be stronger, and the participation of Single Women in the panchayat and village meetings will increase.

❖ **As a result of this work to distribute rations, we identified some Single Women’s problems –**

- A problem about ration distribution came to light, that when a woman became “single” she was not able to access PDS rations because the Rajasthan government had closed the portal for registering new beneficiaries.
- In 5 Districts – Kota, Bundi, Baran, Jhalawar, Sawai Madhopur – monsoon flooding caused great harm; widespread



destruction of standing crops, houses collapsed, and other destruction occurred.

- Particularly in Kota, Jhalawar and Baran Districts, in some Blocks and panchayats because of flooding, people's food and shelter were just wiped out.
- During the team's work of distributing relief rations, they came to know about problems for the people related to government programme and NREGA implementation
- In some Blocks, there was a need and a demand for more ration support, but due to limitations, everyone in need could not be supplied.
- The teams observed that due to COVID-19 and inflation, some people who had formerly been able to manage better, their condition became worse in these recent times.



❖ **During the distribution of the relief rations, we gathered some case studies –**

❖ **Case Study Number - 1**

Jhambudi Bai was a resident of Village / Panchayat Verdli, Pindwara Block, Sirohi District. She was not a Single Woman, but on August 17, 2021 when the Sansthan / Organization relief ration team went to her area, a weeping Jhambudi Bai along with her 2 little children reached the distribution spot and informed the team that her husband was very, very sick, and that her family was very poor. The Single Women members assembled there said that she should be given relief rations too. The next day, word came that her husband had died. The local people said that the food items she had received were of great help to her and her 2 small children.

❖ **Case Study Number - 2**

In District Udaipur, Girwa Block, Paduna Gram Panchayat, Amarpura Village when on 18 August, 2021 the relief ration distribution team reached, they found that some women who

had not been on the list to receive ration kits, had assembled. The Association members who were there, said that of those assembled, those who have the greatest need should be given the given priority. They said the most needy were a young unmarried girl, Nirma, and her 2 small brothers; they all lived together, alone, in a small house. About 3 years ago, their mother left for a “nata” (common-law relationship) with another man, because her husband regularly beat her while drunk. Shortly after that their father died. The children decided to live together in the house. Their Bua (father’s sister) keeps in loose contact, and helps them out from time to time. The 3 children do small jobs here and there, to survive. The Association members of the area, and those distributing the dry rations, said they would help the little family of children to get government benefits. Nirma and her brothers were very happy to receive the ration kit.

❖ Case Study Number - 3

Meera Bai lives in Village Khatoli Madanpura, Itawa Block, District Kota. Meera Bai is a widow, and a member of the Association. She has 3 children, and lived in a “kutchra”/mud house. However, her village was flooded in the August flooding, and her house was destroyed. She had nowhere to live. A member of the Single Women Association, Chotta Bai gave her some space in her house in which to live. At the time of the relief ration distribution, Meera Bai also got a ration kit. She said that in her present condition, receiving ration support was a very big help. In this village, the houses of 20 Single Women were badly affected or destroyed by the flooding. The condition of all the affected Single Women was desperate, and each of them got the support of a ration kit.

❖ Case Study Number - 4

Ten percent of the recipients of the distributed relief ration items were older women, age 65 or older. In their families, they had sons, daughters-in-law, grandsons, granddaughters, but still these women prepared and ate their food alone. The relief goods given to these women meant a lot to them; some women said that the foodstuffs given would last them a whole month. The older women were very happy to receive this help!

Details of Ration Distribution and Beneficiaries

Sr. No.	Number of Households	Total Members in the Households	Districts, Blocks and Panchayats	Types of Households
1	3,271 (Our lists had been originally for 3,270, and then the shopkeeper in Jhalawar from whom we purchased ration items gave one kit free to distribute to a needy family – so total kits distributed were 3,271 !)	13,742	16 Districts 33 Blocks and 2 cities 99 Panchayats 2 cities - 19 wards	3,236 Single Women Headed Households 28 Disabled Households 3 Mentally challenged Households 4 Covid Orphan child Households

Communities Of Single Women Benefitted

ST	SC	OBC	GEN.	MINORITIES	TOTAL
1,221	1,023	676	260	91	3,271

LIST OF RATION DISTRIBUTION DISTRICTS, BLOCKS, PANCHAYATS, CITIES AND DATES

District	Blocks	Rashan Distribution Panchayat/Ward	Date of Ration Distribution
Tonk	1- Tonk Block	Sonwa, Chaan, Bharni	12/08/2021
Tonk	2- Tonk City	Ward Number – 38, 13, 43 ,41, 37, 35, 31, 20, 11, 4, 6, 22, 34	12/08/2021
Udaipur	3- Devla	Dang, Mewado ka Math, Tulikakhet	14/08/2021
Udaipur	4- Pai	Alsigarh, Pai, Poptail	14/08/2021

Bundi	5- Hindoli	Bada Nya Gav, Chatarganj, Satur	14/08/2021
Bundi	6- Nainwa	Jetpur, Fuleta, Bachola,	14/08/2021
Kota	7- Kherabad	Julmi, Undwa, Badodiyakalan	16/08/2021
Bhilwara	8- Jahajpur	Bihada, Bavdi, Palasiya	16/08/2021
Udaipur	9- Kotda	Mamer, Medi, Dehri	16/08/2021
Rajsamnd	10- Railmagra	Sakrawas, Chokadi, Oda	16/08/2021
Udaipur	11- Girwa	Paduna, Amarpura, Patia	17/08/2021
Sirohi	12- Pindwada	Varli, Gharat, Moras	17/08/2021
Udaipur	13- Sarada	Nathara, Kunda, Dhankawada	18/08/2021
Baran	14- Chabda	Chachoda, Godiya Mehar, Buwakhedi	18/08/2021
Baran	15- Atru	Chajawa, Ardand, Mermacha	18/08/2021
Udaipur	16- Salumber	Seria, Dal, Kholdi	18/08/2021
Udaipur	17- Jhadol	Selana, Makdadev, Palawada	19/08/2021
Pratapgarh	18- Dhariawad	Lohagadh, Nalwa, Keshriwad	20/08/2021
Kota	19- Sultanpur	Badod, Amarpura, Jalimpura	21/08/2021
Kota	20- Itawa	Vinayka, Karwad, Khatoli	21/08/2021
Ajmer	21- Kishangarh	Krishnapuri, Karni Nagar, Dadhich colony	25/08/2021
Ajmer	22- Arai	Dhasuk, Arai, Tejpura	25/08/2021
Pali	23- Jetaran	Avega, Devriya, Chawandiya	26/08/2021
Sikar	24- Shri Madhopur	Kotdi Ghaylan, Kanchanpur, Patwarika Bas	27/08/2021
Ajmer	25- Ajmer City	Jadugar, Johansganj, Pushkar, Dorai, Khanpura, Phadganj,	09/09/2021
Kota	26- Kanwas	Jhalri, Mamor, Kuradiyakhurd	02/09/2021
Baran	27- Shahbad	Niharika, Niwadi, Ajgoda	02/09/2021
Bhartpur	28- Bayana	Bramwad, Knavar, Sikandra Gav	05/09/2021
Jhalawar	29- Jhalrapatan	Aktasa, Asnawar, DandiSohanpura	13/09/2021
Dungarpur	30- Galiakot	Ratadia, Nadiya, Gariata	13/09/2021
Jhalawar	31- Bakani	Jharmodi, Richwa, Nasirabad	13/09/2021
Dungarpur	32- Bichhiwada	Jhalukua, Mahipalpura, Galender	13/09/2021
Jhalawar	33- Manoharthana	Todrameera, Samrol, Jawar	14/09/2021
Jhalawar	34- Sunel	Salotiya, Chachlav, Sunel	14/09/2021
Karoli	35- Sapotra	Mahmadpur, DhikoliKhurd, Dhabra	14/09/2021