



ABSSS

## Brief Reports on COVID-19 Relief Program



**Introduction-** The nationwide lockdown was declared by the government due to corona virus epidemic. Due to this, people of almost all the planks were facing difficulties. Most of the problems were being faced by people who were dependent on daily wages because they were neither getting work nor any relief from anywhere due to lockdown. In times of such crisis, by distributing ration kits to bonded and migrant laborers in Banda, Chitrakoot, Kausambi and Satna district of Uttar Pradesh in collaboration with Akhil Bhartiya Samaj Sewa Sansthan, International Justice Mission and Jai Bhim Vikas Shikshan Sansthan Efforts are being made to provide benefits of schemes so that their problems can be reduced.

**Main Objectives and Effort** - Due to the nationwide lockdown, thousands of migrant laborers from all over the country were wandering here and there with the aim of going home to meet their loved ones. In view of all this, Jai Bhim Vikas Shikshan Sansthan at the time of this crisis about 180 families were reached from various districts of Rajasthan by their home districts Banda, Chitrakoot, Kaushambi and Satna by buses. After reaching their respective home districts, the laborers were facing more problems there because they did not have a ration card due to being a migrant so that they could not get ration from the government 'Ration shop' nor did they have 'Job Card' so that it could work in the MNREGA.

After a few days at this stage, almost all such workers had reached the brink of starvation. After assessing all these situations, ABSSS took the initiative in support of JBVSS and IJM for providing relief by distributing ration materials to all the families who were rescued from Rajasthan, as well as meeting government officials intended to ration cards, Ujwala scheme, Efforts are constantly made to get the benefits of job cards and Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana etc. so that some problems of laborers can be reduced. Due to lack of awareness about the government schemes among the workers, most of the workers fail to forward their problems due to which all the workers, mainly, are not able to avail the schemes despite being eligible for various government schemes. In view of these important issues, ABSSS in support of IJM and JBVSS from May-2020, the bonded / migrant laborers are constantly contacting and informing them about the government schemes and trying to get the benefits of the schemes to all.

**Experience/assessment of the situation before providing relief** - Bonded / migrant laborers came to their home districts with the help of Jai Bhim Vikas Shikshan Sansthan but they could not find work here due to lockdown as all these migrant laborers were Most of the laborers are neither registered with the labor department nor do they have a job card so that they can get work in MNREGA.

Gradually, these workers were standing on the verge of starvation and were repeatedly requesting the 'Gram Pradhan' and secretary for getting ration, but they were not getting relief from anywhere.

**Experience/assessment of the situation during providing relief** - - ABSSS contacted to all these workers on the phone with the aim of providing relief to the workers in this crisis period and told how Jai Bhim Vikas Shikshan Sansthan and International Justice Mission. We will be supporting the laborers in the same way in U.P. ABSSS is also working for poor / neglected laborers.

Which gave them full confidence to get relief because Jai Bhim Vikas Shikshan Sansthan- The team has a very good coordination with the workers, for this, we (ABSSS) applaud the work done by the team-JBVSS and team-IJM. In this sequence, we did the work of joining the laborers for about 10 days and made every possible effort to get maximum information about the government schemes. During the providing relief by visiting their home, we found about 90% labours are not getting ration from the government ration shop (Quota) so we tried to contact Sarpanch and discussed about the situation resulted as 25-35% survivors have their own ration card and receiving dry ration from quota.

**Assessment / experience of the situation after providing relief-** After providing relief by distributing ration kits to 137 bonded labours families and cash assistance of Rs. 1000-/ given to 38 members of 9 families, we are continuously in touch with them and observed that they have got relief from given ration kits and cash assistance but they are still facing many problems related to health, education and livelihood.

#### Finance Overview-

S.N.	Implementing NGO	In Support of	Relief Type	Families Covered	Purchased (Items) Ration Kits	Purchased Amount	Travel	Honorarium	Cash Assistance
1	ABSSS	JBVSS	Ration Kits	59	77	Rs. 75537 -/	Rs. 13067-/	NA	NA
2	ABSSS	IJM	Ration Kits	61	77	Rs. 78540 -/	Rs. 10792-/	Rs. 10000-/	NA
3	ABSSS	JBVSS	Ration Kits	35	34	Rs. 33218 -/	Rs. 10359-/	NA	NA
4	ABSSS & JBVSS	IJM	Cash Assistance	9 (38 Members)	NA	NA	NA	NA	Rs. 38000-/
5	ABSSS	IJM & JBSSS	Ration Kits	41	8	Rs. 7816-/	Rs. 10127-/	NA	NA
6	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>			146	196	Rs. 195111-/	Rs. 44345-/	Rs. 10000-/	Rs. 38000-/



