



CoVID-19 Emergency Response

Situation update - March 27, 2020

Background:

The recent outbreak of Novel Coronavirus has caused massive catastrophe in China, Italy, Iran and many other countries including Pakistan. The World Health Organization WHO has already declared Emergency throughout the world and followed up by emergency declaration in Pakistan. In the same context a National Plan is enforced immediately to cater Pandemic COVID-19. 1,296 CoVID-19 cases confirmed cases are reported in Pakistan.

HANDS Corona Emergency Response Fund:

Due to the lockdown situation, millions of daily wages labours/workers are unable to earn and feed their families so “food for survival” package is developed by HANDS. Considering the severity of problem, HANDS has created a “Corona Emergency Response Fund” and launched an appeal for the private donations. The appeal was published in reputable newspapers of the country including Daily DAWN and Jang. In response of that appeal, the private donations are received by HANDS for distribution of 5,000 food baskets so far. The long-term partner “medico international- Germany” has also supported food package for 1,300 families. HANDS is distributing food baskets in main cities of the country including Karachi, Lahore, Quetta, Peshawar, Hyderabad, Sukkur, Kashmore, Ghotki, Qambar Shehdadkot, Muzaffargarh, Layyah, Thatta, Sujawal, Umerkot, Tharparkar, Badin, Matiari, Khairpur, Sanghar, Mirpur Khas, Tando Muhammad Khan and Tando Allahyar. HANDS field offices are in process of selection of Extremely Vulnerable Individual- EVIs in close coordination of district administration and DDMA. HANDS has a target of 25,000 households for “Food for Survival” package in targeted districts.

HANDS support to 21 isolation wards and health care facilities:

HANDS with the support of UNICEF has initiated a three months program to support the Government of Sindh in to fill the infrastructure, material and human resource gaps in the 21 designated isolation wards and health care facilities across the Sindh province. 330 frontline health workers will be trained in infection prevention and control -IPC in COVID designated health facilities and PPEs will be supplied there. 330 sanitary workers will be trained and deployed at isolation centres. 88 paid community volunteers and 16 male and female hygiene promoters will be deployed, and 300 local religious leaders will be engaged to raise awareness among the catchment population. WASH facilities will be looked after by the HANDS at 21 isolation centres along with the supplies.



HANDS support to PDMA Sindh and Balochsitan:

On request of Provincial Disaster Management Authority- PDMA Sindh and Provincial Disaster Management Authority- PDMA Balochsitan, 2,000 hygiene kits and masks are handed over to the respective PDMA's under DFID funded Multiyear Humanitarian Program- MYHP. These items will be utilised by the authorities at isolation centres established by the Government of Sindh and Balochsitan. The same demand is received by HANDS from PDMA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa as well.



Awareness raising camps and hand washing stations established at different locations of Karachi:

90 Awareness raising camps and hand washing stations are established by the Sindh Solid Waste Management Board in collaboration of HANDS and Unilever Pakistan at different locations of Karachi. HANDS team conducted meeting with Secretary Sindh Solid Waste Management Board and handed over 3,000 units of soaps and package of voice messages for hand washing stations at different locations of Karachi.



Health Care Services under Public Private Partnership in Sindh

HANDS is managing 34 Health facilities in Karachi and 04 health facilities in District Jamshoro under Public Private Partnership with the government of Sindh.

1. OPD services are operational in all 34 HFs of district Malir and in 4 health facilities of Jamshoro. SGH Ibrahim Hyderi and SGH Memon goth are operating on 24/7 basis including laboratory and X-Ray services. MCH center of Kathore, Labor square and old Thano are operating on 24/7 basis despite of lockdown in Sindh.
2. Isolation wards have been established at SGH MURAD MEMON GOTH and IBRAHIM HYDRI.
3. Deployment of HANDS medical teams at Gadap and Dumba Goth Quarantine Center on request of Department of Health Government of Sindh.
4. All HCPs are being trained on WHO protocols of COVID-19 response and PPEs are provided
5. Regular supplies of medicine and other essentials are intact despite of Market crises.
6. Ambulance services for shifting suspected cases along with DHO Malir Teams in District Malir.
7. Deployment of Lab technician to collect samples for COVID-19 screening



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