

**COVID-19 and the LOCKDOWN:
RESPONSE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Activities by MEMBERS OF CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS ORDERS
(info as on 06th May 2020 - the summary of the 751 reports received)

A. HELP PROVIDED & BENEFICIARIES AT A GLANCE:

	Reports Received	Masks distributed	Sanitizers	Food (Persons fed)	Food (Families fed)	Provisions (Families)	Buildings: Persons in shelter	Cash donated
Total	751	6,45,626	2,15,493 & 125 Ltrs	5,92,508	2,42,300	5,94,781	23,353	2,39,53,000
Andaman & Nicobar	1							
Andhra Pradesh	72	24,530	10,065	15,611	40,275	30,748	316	24,03,000
Arunachal Pradesh	4	7,500		12,000		2,086		
Assam	15	18,935	299	6,000	76	11,462		1,55,000
Bihar	11	3,300	800	2,500	2,578	7,849	50	80,000
Chhattisgarh	22	7,500	8,000	7,550	3,120	4,876	275	2,20,000
Goa	15	100			2,103	2,021	178	
Gujarat	15	2,850	328	7,350	9,668	13,299	1,510	2,00,000
Haryana	9	450		1,722	282	1,270	12	2,25,000
Himachal Pradesh	7	150	75			914		
Jammu & Kashmir	4	600	100			1,182	13	
Jharkhand	23	4,350	654 15 Ltrs	9,544	3,030	10,819	842	3,30,000
Karnataka	85	79,187	1,613	60,829	60,611	1,24,610	1,478	10,70,000
Kerala	80	2,59,686	75,503 90 Ltrs	2,05,241	20,587	1,62,683	13,680	26,09,000
Madhya Pradesh	29	19,264	4,050	4,267	7,308	28,491	45	90,000
Maharashtra	43	11,443	6,622	25,250	3,335	25,679	488	22,96,000
Manipur	2	8,700			1,000	1,407		10,000
Meghalaya	11	11,357		6,000	322	2,398	26	50,000
Mizoram	3	25	25		336	734	531	1,79,000
Nagaland	8	8,750			2,200	896		10,000
New Delhi	48	3,400	1,555	13,312	10,072	12,054	99	16,72,000
Odisha	16	12,300	13,845	20,954	1,177	5,266	70	5,000
Punjab	11	1,180	873	400	2,660	3,610	12	1,76,000
Rajasthan	15	1,660	400	4,213	470	3,863	515	6,52,000
Tamil Nadu	75	45,394	22,816 20 Ltrs	24,170	15,312	46,298	939	43,81,000
Telangana	55	37,080	23,080	1,15,674	30,255	35,542	610	22,10,000
Tripura	5	5,900			150	1,190		5,00,000
Uttar Pradesh	29	41,675	19,300	16,950	9,050	29,229	424	17,10,000
Uttarakhand	7	21,100	20,350		430	781	21	25,00,000
West Bengal	31	7,060	5,140	32,971	15,893	23,524	1,219	2,20,000

B. PERSONS INVOLVED (Sisters, Brothers, Priests and volunteers): **18,908**

C. OTHER SERVICES OFFERED:

- (1) Making school buildings available for quarantine
- (2) Making campus available for check-up
- (3) Free medicines and treatment
- (4) Free ambulance service and vehicles for taking food
- (5) Blood donation
- (6) 3 Multipara monitors to hospital (cost: Rs 2,37,300)
- (7) Community kitchens
- (8) Helping Fire Dept to clean & sanitize premises
- (9) Communication with seniors & shut-ins
- (10) Contribution to PM's fund and CM's fund

D. MAIN BENEFICIARIES:

- (1) Slum dwellers
- (2) Jobless poor
- (3) Rickshawwallahs
- (4) Construction workers
- (5) Scavengers
- (6) Domestic workers
- (7) Street children
- (8) Mentally retarded
- (9) Prisoners
- (10) Female prisoners
- (11) Physically challenged children
- (12) Police and other public servants
- (13) Doctors, nurses and paramedics

E. ISSUES TO BRING TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ATTENTION:

1. POSITIVE EXPERIENCES WE HAVE HAD:

- (a) Cooperation from Govt. authorities (collector, Ward officers, etc.)
- (b) Helpful police officers
- (c) Collaboration and help from the local police
- (d) Passes to move around

2. DIFFICULTIES:

- (a) Lack of provisions
- (b) Prices going up
- (c) Crowd control during distribution
- (d) Competition among political parties
- (e) Caste discrimination
- (f) Helplines not working or no one answering
- (g) Lack of testing centers
- (h) Test results delayed
- (i) Lack of masks, gloves and sanitizers
- (j) Lack of good volunteers
- (k) Lack of PPE for medical personnel
- (l) Delay in getting permissions

3. SUGGESTIONS:

- (a) Use the stocks of rice and wheat India has and distribute now
- (b) Make provisions available
- (c) Provide 2 meals a day
- (d) Give out more passes for relief work
- (e) Provide PPE, especially for all medical personnel
- (f) Keep public places clean
- (g) Provide free masks
- (h) Give free ration to the poor
- (i) Increase facilities in Govt. hospitals

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