VEDANTA COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

Overall Spent: March’20 - 15th August 2020 (ongoing) - Rs 153.9 crore

Total number of beneficiaries: 15 Lakh people across 7 states

Project Duration: From March’20 – 15th August 2020 (ongoing)

VEDANTA’S RESPONSE TO CALL OF DUTY

Project Overview

Covid-19 is a global health crisis and has jeopardised the socio-economic framework of the countries worldwide. Standing by its core value of ‘Care’ Vedanta has always put interest of the Nation first. Sensing the magnitude of the virulence of the pandemic early on, Vedanta was one of the first among the league of corporates to rise up to the occasion and extend support to the government in its fight against Covid-19.

Vedanta committed Rs 201 crore in the battle against Covid-19, which included Rs 101 crore donation to PM-CARES Fund and an additional Rs 100 crore corpus for supporting communities, daily wage workers, preventive healthcare and welfare of employees/contract partners/ business partners. The company imported 23 PPE machines recently in collaboration with the Ministry of Textiles and has teamed up with authorized apparel manufacturers to roll out over 5000 PPEs per day. Existing resources were utilized and offered to government for combating COVID-19 effectively and efficiently in time-bound manner.

Vedanta is working relentlessly across the length and breadth of the country with a structured approach to combat the health crisis. Spread across seven states with diverse socio-cultural fabric, the Vedanta group adopted a 360-degree approach to reach out to the marginalized, needy and the frontline warriors.

As first line of defense intensive awareness generation and sensitization was conducted by all the units alongside disinfection and sanitization drives in the villages around the business units. Safety PPEs were distributed among the community and frontline warriors ensuring adherence to high standards of safety and hygiene practices. Units at Rajasthan, Chattisgarh, Odisha converted their existing hospitals and other facilities into Covid isolation wards equipping it with all the necessary requirements (beds, nebulizers, ventilators etc.).

To ensure that food security Vedanta launched ‘Meals for All’ program to extend supply of meals to lakhs of daily wagers across the country during the Pandemic. This ‘Meals for All’ was a unique intervention wherein during the first phase of the program, support was extended to stray animals as well.

Besides Meals for all program, dry ration kits were distributed by respective business units among thousands of the marginalized and labours.
DETAIL OF COVID-19 INTERVENTIONS

A. Joining Hands with the States

Apart from 100 crores donation in PM Cares fund, Vedanta is aiding various state relief efforts and contributed close to a cumulative sum of 24.25 crores in respective state CM COVID-19.

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Above: Graphical representation of Vedanta’s contribution to CM COVID-19 Relief Fund

B. Awareness Generation and Disinfectant Spray

Continuous awareness generation through miking, distribution of Information Education and Communication materials through close coordination with village level guardians of governance including Sarpanch, Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers were conducted in over 280 villages across 7 states reaching out to over 15 Lakh people. Regular sanitization and dis-infectant spraying were carried out in villages alongside, district and areas of operation.

C. Employee Volunteering and SHG Contribution

Vedanta’s business units have teamed up with associated self-help groups (SHGs) to produce preventive gears for safeguarding communities and frontline workers who are putting their lives at risk in fighting the pandemic. This collaboration ensured a steady supply of masks, aprons, sanitizers across the country, and generated income and created livelihood for scores of women from rural communities during these challenging times.
A closer look at the numbers reveal that over **1,137 women** from these SHGs produced **4.74 lakh masks, 365 aprons, 1,200 liters of sanitizers** to prevent the spread of coronavirus. An impressive cumulative income of **Rs 26.29 lakh** was generated through these efforts.

The **Anganwadi workers, Anganwadi helpers**, and women from **SHGs** associated with the Nand Ghar initiative produced and distributed more than **sixty-thousand masks** to frontline workers and rural households across the country.

In **Amethi, Uttar Pradesh**, more than **twenty-thousand masks** were handed over to DM-Amethi by Nand Ghar volunteers to support the District Administration in its COVID-19 relief efforts. Furthermore, women in **Rajasthan** associated with this initiative of the Nand Ghar project have generated an **income of over INR 3 lakh** through stitching and distribution of masks.

**Employee Volunteering**

The self-motivated **employees** joined hands along with their **families** by stitching and contributing close to **2500 masks** for community distribution.

**D. ‘Meals for All’ Program**

‘Meals for all’ program was launched in April ’20 with an aim to provide meals to daily wagers who were the worst hit section affected by the lockdown. In the **first phase** of the program over **11.46 lakhs daily wagers** were provided meals across **Delhi, Mumbai and Patna**.

The program also supported over **12.70 lakhs stray animals** with food and other assistance in **Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur and Pune**.

The **second phase** of the program was flagged off in July 2020 and aims at reaching out to over 38 thousand daily wagers and their families across **Delhi, Mumbai and Ahmedabad**, assisting them with **ration kits** comprising of **daily essentials** such as Rice, Pulses, Refined oil and Spices along with a pair of slippers.

Vedanta supported return of more than **1000 migrants** to Bihar. To ensure hassle free and safe journey each of the labour was provided with **tickets, dry food items** and a **pair of slippers**.
E. Food Security

Grain Bank, by Vedanta HZL, Rajasthan

The women of HZL’s women’s empowerment program called Sakhi (Self-help groups) & farmers of its program Samadhan (farm-based sustainable livelihoods program) have become enablers for providing basic resources for their community. With huge number of daily wage earners losing their livelihoods and food supply getting disrupted in some areas, the Sakhi women & Samadhan farmers have collectively set up grain banks, pooling in grains from their households & fields. Over 14,000 Kg grains have been distributed in the vulnerable households in the community.

Ration Support for Community Kitchen, Punjab

Vedanta TSPL supported Takht Shri Damdama Sahib Gurudwara with ~3000 kg of dry ration for its community kitchen ‘langar’ service catering to over 20000 beneficiaries. Takhat Sri Damdama Sahib is one of the five holy shrine of Sikhism and is in vicinity of Vedanta TSPL

Employee Volunteering

Our employees also contributed towards securing food and transportation of the migrants. Shruti Yadav is one of the shining examples of this good deed.

F. Preventive Healthcare

Vedanta has distributed more than 5 lakh masks across communities and more than 75000 surgical gloves, to district hospitals across the country.

Vedanta has joined hands with the Ministry of Textiles to import 23 machines for indigenously personal protective equipment (PPEs). The imported machines have the capability to produce around 5,000 PPEs per day. Also, the company has distributed more than 1.03 lakh units of soaps and sanitizers across communities.
Vedanta BALCO Hospital in Chattisgarh has set up **isolation wards** to cater to any eventuality in view of the covid scenario. Additionally, a 100-bed hospital has been commissioned in Korba. The **Cairn Centre of Excellence (CCoE)** in Jodhpur, Rajasthan has been handed over to district administration as a **quarantine facility with a 120-bed capacity**, with meals provided three times a day for 150 people.

**Vedanta Jhasuguda in Orissa** supported **Covid hospital in Jharsuguda** with 110 bed (including 10 ICUs), 10 ventilators, 3000 Corona kits, 2 sets of oxygen concentrators, 3000 N95 & triple-layer masks - each, 2000 surgical gowns, 2000 aprons, 6000 surgical caps, 5 nebulizers, many other equipments and medical gear, sufficient quantities of alcohol-based sanitizers and medicines, beds and mattresses and other infrastructure required for the hospital.

More than 10 **mobile health vans** have been made available to district administration for use as ambulances and for distribution of essential commodities by Business Units across seven states and Vedanta Nand Ghars. While, Cairn initiated mobile health vans for animals across Rajasthan.

**Telemedicine service** was initiated by **Vedanta Lanjigarh, Odisha** through **Vedanta hospital**, in wake of Covid 19 and lockdown to help patients connect with doctors over phone for free consultation. A team of specialists comprising of pediatricians, orthopedicians, general physicians, and an AYUSH doctor attends to patients on call/WhatsApp every day from 9 am to 7 pm. **Medicines** provided by **pharmacy of Vedanta Hospital** for **free of cost** by showing the digital prescription sent by the doctor over phone.
Under **Sanjeevani** by Cairn, the company participated in the Government of Rajasthan’s initiative on raising awareness on COVID-19 through a week-long awareness drive, launch of IEC material, distribution of hygiene kits to frontline workers at PHC/ Anganwadis by Cairn and the departure of 9 awareness mobile vans, highlighted by their presence at the launch by Mr. BD Kalla, Energy and Public health and Engineering department minister.

Intensive awareness campaigns are being conducted regularly across 1156 villages in Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan and 55 wards of Barmer city along through a public information dissemination system using miking and social media platforms. Cairn launched an e-manual on COVID – 19 in collaboration with the District Collectorate, Barmer Resource Center and our partner organizations. The booklet contains symptoms, do’s and don’ts in the local language along with a message from the District Collector Barmer and contact numbers of designated district officials.

Amidst the COVID-19 lockdown, **Vedanta - Nand Ghar Mobile Health Vans (MHVs)** have continued providing **medical care services** to community members by conducting OPDs and health check-ups at Nand Ghar- Anganwadi Centers of **Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Odisha**. In **Varanasi, Nand Ghar Mobile Health Van**, which provides primary healthcare services to village communities, has been utilized by Government of Uttar Pradesh as **COVID-19 relief ambulance** and for carrying blood samples to Lucknow for testing.

**Vedanta Foundation** made some significant contribution in fight against the pandemic:
Food Distribution Drive was undertaken to tackle hunger among the migrants and needy ~ **2,00,000 meal packets** were distributed in **Mumbai & Kolkata**. Vedanta College, Mumbai NSS student's team and staff distributed **6000 meal packets daily** to the **shelter homes** run by Ulhasnagar Municipal Corporation, **Thane, Mumbai & Vedanta College, Kolkata** distributed **2700 units of cooked meals**
Grocery packets were distributed to ~2200 families along with 600 leprosy-affected families were also covered. Bharat Guide rangers from Vedanta P.G Girls College distributed home prepared sanitizers, stitched and distributed masks, spread awareness and educated families in their communities about the pandemic. A poster campaign was initiated to create awareness. Moreover, they sanitized public spots, fed stray animals and birds. Around 2000 masks and 50 L sanitizer were distributed.

G. Continual Education amidst Pandemic

In Odisha, parents of children who attend Nand Ghar-Anganwadis have been provided access to the contents of Arunima curriculum and e-learning modules, which are used by Anganwadi workers to teach children. For parents who possess smartphones, video content is shared by Anganwadi workers via multimedia messaging services. For feature phones, an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system has been set up to access audio modules of the Anganwadi curriculum. In Uttar Pradesh, the Nand Ghar-Anganwadis e-learning content being shared with parents over multimedia messaging services apart from stationery such as slate, chalk, notebooks, and crayons have been distributed by the Nand Ghar team to assist children in achieving weekly milestones.

Nand Ghar e-learning content along with UNICEF e-content has been rolled-out with ICDS' approval for home-schooling at all 62k+ Anganwadis across Rajasthan. The educational content is regularly shared with parents to ensure continuous at-home learning.

E kaksha- Vedanta The eKaksha project, previously known as eVidya was signed in May 2020 in the presence of Mr. Vishram Meena, DC Barmer, to impart free and quality education through digital platforms to students of class 9th to 12th for RBSE and CBSE board through
YouTube channel, website, mobile app, social media, etc. So far 303 videos have been uploaded for Rajasthan state board with over 6000 views.
TESTIMONIALS - PARTNERS

Prime Minister of India- The Honorable Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi appreciated Smt. Kiran Agarwal, Chairman Hindustan Zinc for supporting PM-CARES Fund in a letter.

Sundeep Talwar, Chief Marketing Officer, The Akshaya Patra Foundation said “Akshaya Patra is honored to be associated and recognized by our esteemed partners such as Vedanta. Our efforts and outcomes on the ground wouldn’t have been possible without critical and timely support from Vedanta. We believe in collaborative impact and hope that we sustain our efforts to minimize the impact of COVID outbreak on marginalized communities. “

Pooja Sakpal, Co-Founder, YODA said “Grateful to Vedanta for helping both people and animals in need during these times of crisis. Lots of blessings to the entire organization. We were able to feed 16,000 hungry animals each day, all thanks to this project and opportunity”
Abhishek Kumar, General Secretary DNR Foundation said “Chairman Awards for COVID-19 is an incredible honor, to acknowledge extraordinary strength to work for humanity in these distressing times. DNR Foundation feels humbled, but at the same time incredibly proud too. We will always try to achieve the vision of Hon. Chairman Sri Anil Agarwalji for the welfare of the community. Once again thanks to Vedanta Team for giving us the opportunity to serve the daily wagers during this COVID crisis at Patna and Mumbai.”

Discon Masih, Director SROUT, said “It is a matter of great honor to get recognition for the awareness and relief work done by SROUT during COVID-19. SROUT has always been a close partner of BALCO and we are thankful for the opportunities given to us. Hoping for more such collaborations in the future.”

Ramesh Mangal, Managing Trustee, BJSS said “I would like to express our deep gratitude to you for awarding us the prestigious Chairman’s Award and personally making the time to appreciate our hard work and sincere efforts undertaken during this critical situation of COVID-19 pandemic in Barmer district. We assure you that with your vision, constant support and able guidance from Cairn Oil & Gas team, we will keep on making a transformational and sustainable impact among local communities and generate shared value as well as goodwill for the company.”

Sanjay Sharma from Manjari Foundation said “Under HZL’s leadership, Sakhi SHG women have risen as strong community leaders and emerged since inception. With the objective of ensuring “No One Sleeps Hungry” in our project villages, Sakhi federations, a woman-led institution came up with a food bank initiative. Sakhi members collected 10,000 kilograms of food grains in a short span of time, aiding the community to fight the pandemic. We acknowledge the timely and quick support of HZL for helping the community during troubled times”

**TESTIMONIALS- BENEFICIARIES**

Ms. Kusumlata Chauhan, SDM Dhorimanna said “We are thankful to Cairn Oil and Gas team for their support in the sanitization drive conducted in association with the 7-day COVID awareness campaign conducted in Rajasthan from 21 – 30 June”
Vedanta distributed COVID safety kits (2 masks & 2 soaps) to more than 1000 farmers in 26 villages around Mansa, in association with its CSR Intervention - Navi Disha Programme, which aims to promote sustainable agricultural practices. Speaking on the initiative, Mr. Kuldeep Singh, a farmer who is a beneficiary of the project said “I am thankful to TSPL for distributing COVID safety kits and spreading awareness on the dos and don’ts during the pandemic. This will go a long way in ensuring the safety and protection of farmers.”

MEDIA COVERAGE
Vedanta Lanjigarh distributes seeds to farmers to restore livelihoods amidst COVID-19

In a bid to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on agriculture and allied activities in the area, Vedanta, through its Lanjigarh Business Unit, is providing seeds to the farmers in the area. In collaboration with the Agriculture and Horticulture Department, the team has distributed seeds to the farmers in need. The initiative has helped farmers in the area to develop a vegetable cultivation plan and has provided them with seeds to the ones most in need.

Vedanta Lanjigarh plant, which has already benefited over 1 lakh people in the area through its precautionary and preventive measures, is looking at restoring and sustaining the livelihood of the local communities. As part of this effort, the Vedanta team has helped develop a vegetable cultivation plan for the local farmers, whose source of income has been affected adversely by COVID-19 lockdown.

Under this initiative, the plant is ensuring that farmers have quality seeds of lentil, groundnut, sponge gourd, etc., which will help the farmers in the area as emergency livelihood support. The initiative is part of the broader government’s move to provide essential supplies to the farmers in the area.

Referring to this initiative, Rahul Sharma, CEO - Alumina Business Unit, said, “At Vedanta, we are committed to enabling our communities to live safer and healthier lives. As part of our commitment to supporting those in need, we are providing seeds to farmers to assist them in their cultivation of vegetables. This initiative is designed to provide a sustainable source of income for the farmers and support them during these challenging times.”

Through this initiative, every farmer is being supported with more than 50% of the total seed cost along with technical assistance. Vedanta has also supported these farmers in getting access to the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana scheme, under National Horticulture Mission, which will help them in receiving reimbursement of 50% of the cost incurred per acre.

Capt. Amaninder Singh
Thank you @Destigaranj Veet

Anil Agrawal @AnilAg...
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Vedanta TSPL is working in tandem with the police, district administration and gram panchayats in fighting the pandemic. The team is intensively sanitising nearby villages, distributing food and medical equipments.

Bhupesh Baghel @BhupeshBaghel
I thank BALCO for donation of Rs 5 crore to the CM Relief Fund.

This generous contribution will go a long way in our efforts to provide medical and other necessary assistance to the people during these tough times.

10:19 AM - 10 May 2020 - Twitter for Android

B.S. Yedurappa @BSYBJP
Sincere thanks to Vedanta Limited for having contributed Rs 1 Cr to the Karnataka CMRF. They have also teamed up with District Administration in Chitradurga and have carried out relief work. Your dedication is truly commendable.

Alok Golin @AlokGolin
My thanks to Hindustan Zinc Limited for donating Rs 10 crores to Rajasthan CM COVID-19 Relief Fund. Such support is highly valuable. @Hindustan_Zinc

12:51 PM - Apr 9, 2020 - Twitter for iPhone