COVID-19 RELIEF EFFORTS

APRIL - JULY 2020 REPORT
Waste Warriors is a registered society and solid waste management NGO. We work through a combination of direct action initiatives like area transformations and waste processing, awareness raising and behavioral change programs, community engagement and development, and long-term collaborative partnership with various government bodies.
Measures Taken Prior To The Lockdown:

- Our teams conducted awareness sessions on Covid-19 for all our 60 full-time Green Workers.
- Green Workers were provided additional safety masks, gloves, soap and sanitizers and taught proper hand-washing, and advised against handshakes and touching faces.

Measures Taken During The Lockdown:

- To keep our Green Workers safe from the transmission of Covid-19, all activities were suspended for a month and most of them stayed home during this lockdown, with no deductions in salary.
- Our staff inquired about the health of our Green Workers every day.
- We also distributed dry food rations to all Green Workers given the urgent need to stay at home.

Our Staff

With the rise in Covid-19 cases, we also took preventive measures for all our 40 full-time office staff.

We initiated work-from-home procedures for all branch location teams, and they were trained and guided on ways to be more efficient at working from home. Teams were taught how to create and share documents remotely using Google's GSuite set of apps.

To bring all three teams (Dehradun, Dharamshala, Corbett) together we introduced and got them up to speed on how to communicate using the office communication software called Slack. Teams now effectively communicate using various channels/organized spaces related to set projects or topics.
We reopened our Plastic Material Recovery Facility (Swachhta Kendra) near ISBT on April 23rd and ensured all Safai Saathis, especially the ones segregating plastic waste, have access to proper equipment and training to combat the sanitation challenges of Covid-19.

We ensured all workers at the Swachhta Kendra had access to masks, hand sanitizers, personal digital thermometers and health checkups. As part of our health & safety protocol, the facility is also disinfected on a daily basis and the door handles and floors are regularly sanitized.

Safai Saathis are now working in separate day shifts at the Swachhta Kendra to further minimize risks.

The Waste Management Scenario

Dry Waste Collection from RWAs

With the lockdown in place and with services coming to a halt, societies witnessed the emergence and need of doctors, nurses, police, NGOs and other relevant services. However, among these names, there were also other unsung heroes who played a major role in keeping Dehradun clean.

We thank our Green Worker Sagar for his dedication and commitment to help the residents of Ward 21 and other RWAs across Dehradun during this lockdown. We also thank all the homes and families we've worked with for not giving up on segregating their waste at source. Cleanliness is very important during these tough times!
COVID-19 Relief Efforts

To help waste workers and daily wage earners cope with the lockdown during the Covid-19 pandemic, we initiated a relief fund on GiveIndia's donation platform.

Through the donations to our relief fund, we were able to distribute dry food ration kits to people in Dehradun and Dharamshala. Approximately 900+ sanitation items including masks, gloves, sanitizers, soap, and toothpaste were distributed to those who need it in Dehradun.

**GiveIndia Relief Fund**

- Rice: 3 kg
- Flour: 5 kg
- Pulses: 1 kg
- Sugar: 1 kg
- Salt: 1 kg
- Oil: 1 Ltr.
- Spices: 3 pkts

**Dehradun & Dharamshala (as of July 2020)**

- 28,267 KGs Food Procured
- 2,028 Relief Kits Packed
- 1,834 Relief Kits Distributed
- 68 Areas Distributed
- 5,285 People Supported

**Statistics**

- Raised Rs.13+ lakhs
- From 487 donors
- To Help 5200+ people

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**One Relief Kit Contains:**

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- 1 Ltr. Oil
- 3 pkts Spices
In the midst of this Covid-19 lockdown and while carrying out food ration distributions, the district authorities asked our relief team to help the Van Gujjar community in Dudhli village, South of Clement Town Dehradun.

The community living here did not know much about the corona infection. Families were only aware of the fact that they had no means of earning a daily wage. They were sitting and waiting in the hope that someone would come help them.

We distributed 229 kilos of rations to the people of Dudhli village with the support of the police.

In addition to conducting relief distribution across the city, we are also providing direct cash relief to waste workers and those who have access to bank accounts, as they do need a bit more than just food to provide for their families. This was an initiative by GiveIndia, and we thank them for supporting our efforts in this kind of much-needed relief.

We have so far disbursed direct cash deposits of Rs.5,000 each to 100+ families whose accounts have been verified.
From procuring rations to packing to distribution, our relief teams and Green Workers have worked round the clock to pack and distribute food and ration relief kits for over 5,200 people.

From the start of the lockdown till today, the energy and dedication of this relief team makes us all really proud.
In an effort to help and feed waste workers and daily wage earners early during the lockdown in April, we teamed up and reached out to a number of people. These include influencers, institutional partners and individuals.

**Zomato Feeding India**

We teamed up with Zomato Feeding India during the initial lockdown phase to procure, pack and distribute ration kits to daily wage earners. A total of 200 families were supported with their help.

**Individual Donors**

Individuals such as Mr. Tushar Nagalia, Shivya Nath, and Kushal not only helped us raise funds but also supported our efforts by sharing our story across their network. Kushal is an ex-volunteer and high school student from Hyderabad who helped raise over Rs. 1 lakh for our GiveIndia relief fund. Mr. Nagalia is a resident of Ward 21 and Doon School alumnus and through his support we were able to raise a considerable amount. Shivya Nath donated to our fundraiser and shared our efforts on her social media channels. She has been a friend of Waste Warriors for a while and is a famous solo traveler, photographer, writer, environmentalist.

**Celebrities & Influencers**

Celebrities can play a very crucial role in moments of crisis. Their have a higher fan following and the message they share can reach a higher number of individuals through their social media channels.

From Prachi Tehlan and Fatima Sana Sheikh to Jubin Nautiyal and Raghav Juyal, all four have helped us move a step closer to providing support and relief kits to people in need during this lockdown by talking about us and sharing our efforts.
Online Awareness

With cities across India under lockdown conditions and people staying at home, it was crucial for us to actively reach out and bring awareness to people online. Our awareness-raising efforts were not only limited to waste but we also shared important information on the Covid-19 situation.

We leveraged the use of social media such as Facebook to help take forward awareness-raising sessions with children across India. We collaborated with The Hush Tree and GD Goenka World School, Delhi, to teach 3rd to 4th grade children on how to manage waste effectively. Approximately 90 children participated in the two educational sessions held in April.

We received a lot of positive feedback on our approach to teaching the children about waste. We were also happy to learn that the children themselves encouraged the use of steel straws over plastic, carried their cutlery and chose to carry their own water bottles.

We used Google Meet to connect with wider inquisitive audiences. We started our Warrior Webinar series, sharing ways on how to follow sustainable lifestyles. Our Corbett project founder Minakshi kickstarted the series, followed by three active citizens: Ashish Garg from Doon’s Keval Vihar, Dharamshala Principal Raka Kaul, and Kyari village’s Vinod Budhani from Corbett.
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सफाई कर्मचारियों की मदद करने वेस्ट वॉरियर्स संस्था के सदस्य।

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31 मार्च तक पूर्णतः बद्दल रखने का निर्णय सरकार ने किया है।
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The impact of the lockdown and the phases beyond it still continues to challenge waste workers and their families in terms of lost income, and even affects our own limited resources as a relatively small organization.

If you wish to continue to support our efforts through donations, big or small, we do appreciate the generosity, even during these difficult times. No matter the situation, our team of 100+ people will continue our efforts to build better SWM systems across our locations.

Visit: wastewarriors.org/donate
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