

Case Study on COVID Operation by DPO

The blood curdling situation of rapid transmission and deaths due to COVID-19 in World has affected on economic dislocation and major threat on the livelihood of the general public. Due to completely lockdown all income sources has been blocked and the poor and vulnerable communities are the worst sufferers.

The persons with disabilities are the most vulnerable and they are living without any income source. The lockdown has started on 23rd March'2020. Most of the PwD members are depending on petty business, grocery shop, tea shop, daily labour and agriculture activities. But now they are idle in home and suffering for two time food and maintenance of their family. Considering the gloomy situation, Govt of Odisha has provided PDS for three months and monthly pension for four months in advance. But this is not sufficient without any additional daily income source. The situation is not only dislocated their income source but also created panic situation due to the infection of COVID-19. They are not coming outside from their home and this locked situation has also created huge mental pressure with the fear of infection.

In this situation concern the CCD Staff and the DPO leader have come forward as the volunteer to extend the cooperation the government personnel and PRI members in identifying the most vulnerable communities including PwD members in our operational areas. The staff and DPO members are conducting village level orientations to the communities on personal hygiene like regular hand washing, use of face masks and social distancing. Our Staff and DPO members namely Jagannath Gomango, Prasad Bhuyan, P.Simanchalam, Gajendra Badaraita, P.Shivaji are supporting the district, block and panchayat administration to supply cooked food at the door step of the vulnerable families. Each volunteer is supporting atleast 50 members including PwD members in each panchayat of their operational blocks. The volunteers are sensitizing to all villagers not to allow outsiders in their village without informing the health department personnel for registration and health check up. They are also facilitating to arrange all facilities at quarantine centre with the help of panchayat. This is the initial intervention by the volunteers and district administration has provided passes to the volunteers for their volunteer support at their locality.

