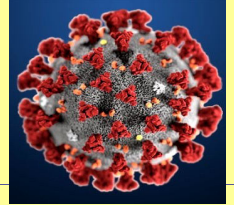




INDIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY PUNJAB STATE BRANCH, CHANDIGARH

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A battle is being waged against pandemic Corona all over the world. Though the situation is grim but it is a matter of satisfaction that in Punjab, the State Red Cross Society is playing central role in coordination with District Red Cross Branches, Health Department, District Administration and other NGOs in this fight. In all the Punjab Red Cross is spearheading the campaign against COVID 19 as suggested by IRCS, National Headquarters, New Delhi. Our volunteers have rendered yeomen services by providing masks, sanitizers, gloves, PPE kits, medicines, food packets & dry ration etc to the needy. These volunteers have also been organizing meetings among the general public to generate awareness them about the importance of social distancing, frequent hand washing, using face mask and gloves etc. Public was also motivated to download "Arogya Setu App" of Govt. of India. In addition to this, food packets and ration kits were provided to the poor and needy during lockdown period and face masks, sanitizers, gloves, PPE kits and other personal protection items were distributed among general public. In specially organized blood donation camps, as many as 4598 blood units have been collected through organization of blood donation camps in the districts.



C. S. Talwar, IAS (Retd.)
Secretary,
Punjab State Red Cross
Branch, Chandigarh.

SERVICES PROVIDED DURING LOCKDOWN DUE TO COVID19

DONATION BY SBI UNDER CSR

Punjab Red Cross is grateful to Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, Sh. V. P. Singh Badnore for his valuable support in helping us to get donation of Rs. 10 lakh under CSR from State Bank of India and we are also grateful to SBI especially Sh. Ashutosh Rana, Zonal Manager, SBI. Donation received under CSR from State Bank of India passed on to the District Red Cross Branches to support them financially during COVID19 crisis.



As an exemplary spirited gesture, Red Cross volunteers distributed milk packets, bread pkts, ration kits, food pkts, masks and sanitizers to most vulnerable families living in slum areas in the TB Project area. Stationary items to the needy children of the TB patients were also provided through volunteers out of their own pocket.



Message from the Hon'ble President of Punjab State Red Cross Branch
(Governor of Punjab)



V.P. Singh Badnore
Governor of Punjab
and Administrator
Union Territory, Chandigarh

A MESSAGE AND APPEAL FROM GOVERNOR, PUNJAB

On this 'World Red Cross Day' which falls every year on 8th of May, I congratulate all the people of Punjab. At the same time I would like to appeal to everybody to continue their fight against ominous pandemic of Covid-19. This battle should be fought bravely, systematically and scientifically. We must continue to take all precautions like keeping a safe distance of two yards from each other, wearing masks, using sanitizers and washing hands repeatedly. Avoid socializing and stay at home unless it is unavoidable to do so.

It is a matter of satisfaction and pride for me as President of Punjab State Branch of Indian Red Cross Society that our Red Crossers have played their role in a magnificent manner during this crisis. Firstly, they launched a vigorous campaign of awareness against Covid-19 and now they are playing their role by providing all type of help including food, essential items, masks and sanitizers to the needy. I express my deep sense of appreciation for the work being done by Red Crossers in Punjab and pray to God that their efforts would result in a decisive victory against Covid-19. My best wishes.

Stay Home Stay Safe.
Jai Hind

V P Singh
(V.P. Singh Badnore)





Sh. Shivdular Singh Dhillon, Deputy Commissioner, Amritsar cum President, District Red Cross Branch paid tribute to the Founder of Red Cross, Sir Jean Henry Dunant and appreciated the activities being done by the District Red Cross Branch during COVID19 crisis.



The District Red Cross Branch, S.A.S. Nagar distributed milk packets, fruits, biscuits, sanitizers, masks and fruits to the children Home, Dusema, Kurali, S.A.S. Nagar under the able guidance of Deputy Commissioner cum President, DRCS, Mohali.



Project Director DDC, Patiala and other staff members paid tributes to Sir Jean Henry Dunant, the founder of Red Cross and distributed masks to OPD patients of Saket Hospital, Patiala.



Sh. Kulwant Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner cum President District Red Cross Branch, Ferozepur along with Asha Workers and staff of DRCS, Ferozepur on "World Red Cross Day"



Deputy Commissioner cum President, District Red Cross Branch, Roopnagar distributed kits to the inhabitants of Apna Ghar at Haveli Kala, Roopnagar and paid tribute to Sir Jean Henry Dunant.

10 ration kits, 10 spray pumps filled with sanitizer and 100 face masks were provided in district Bathinda. A blood donation camp was also organized in which 50 blood units were collected. This camp was dedicated to the Founder of International Red Cross Society.

In district Jalandhar, 2000 police jawans and 1000 medical warriors were provided fruits and biscuit packets. The day was dedicated to the real heroes like volunteers, police force and medical/paramedical staff.

Integrated and Rehabilitation Centre for addicts distributed cotton face masks to the patients in OPD to encourage them to take safety measures during the time of Covid19 crisis.

In Tarn Taran, quarantined persons staying in 8 Red Cross Quarantine Centres are being provided 3 times food and other essential items as per their requirement.

Sh. Kulwant Singh, IAS, Deputy Commissioner cum President District Red Cross Branch, Ferozepur handed over sanitizers (6 cases) and gloves (40 boxes) to Asha Workers of District Ferozepur on "World Red Cross Day"

On "International Red Cross Day", District Red Cross Branch, Sangrur provided free medicines worth Rs.50,000 to Pingalwara.

District Red Cross Branch, Jalandhar celebrated the eve in a significant manner where Army Band paid special tribute to the great founder of Red Cross Society in the world.

District Red Cross Branch distributed 26000 food packets and 200 ration kits on the occasion of "World Red Cross Day" in slum areas, Amritsar



Blood Donation Drive



50 BLOOD UNITS COLLECTED IN BARNALA

On the eve of "World Blood Donors Day", a blood donation camp was organized in Blood Bank, Civil Hospital, Barnala. Alongwith other Blood Donors, Sh. T.P.S. Phulka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, District Red Cross Society, Barnala and Dr. Gurindebir Singh, Civil Surgeon, Barnala also donated blood. Total 50 blood units were collected in the camp.



Sh. T.P.S. Phulka, IAS, Deputy Commissioner-cum- President, District Red Cross Society, Barnala donating blood on "World Blood Donors Day"

Total 140 Blood Units collected on the day

40 BLOOD UNITS COLLECTED IN JALANDHAR ON BLOOD DONORS' DAY

A special blood donation camp was conducted by District Red Cross Branch, Jalandhar on the eve of "World Blood Donors Day" in which 40 blood units were collected. Sh. V.K.Sharma, IAS, Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, District Red Cross Society, Jalandhar inaugurated this camp and awarded the blood donors with certificate of appreciation.



1,31,700 ration kits were distributed to the needy during the quarter April to June 2020 with the help of other NGOs in 22 districts of Punjab.





- 80,25,348 food packets were distributed to the needy people during the quarter.
- Migrant labourers staying in various districts of Punjab were provided 3 time food & tea daily.
- Quarantined persons were served breakfast, lunch, dinner through Community kitchen and other essential goods like eatables, food, buckets and mugs, bed sheets, pillow alongwith covers by the District Red Cross Branches.





The District Red Cross Branches frequently organized blood donation camps and collected 4598 blood units from the voluntary blood donors by following social distancing and other guidelines issued by the State/Centre Government regarding COVID-19.



- The DRCS, Gurdaspur provided free medicines worth Rs. 10.5 lacs to the needy people. For this purpose, 4 mobile medical vans were made operational alongwith one pharmacist with each van.
- An amount of Rs. 2 lakh was spent to provide free medicines to the poor patients in district Patiala.
- Similarly, DRCS, Ferozepur and Moga provided free medicines worth Rs. 5,24,000/- and Rs. 3,24,000 separately.
- Medicines worth Rs.5000/- provided to the people living in Kusht Ashram Jhabhal Road, Amritsar by Red Cross volunteers.
(Medicines of Rs.24,57,946/- were provided during the quarter.)

SHELTER HOMES

The District Red Cross Branches of Fazilka, Amritsar & Tarn Taran established shelter homes for the needy with the capacity of 230 inmates.

AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Punjab State Red Cross Branch distributed pamphlets, displayed flex banners & hoardings etc with the support of District Red Cross Branches at important places to apprise the general public about the facts of Corona Virus and measures required to be taken to stop its spread.

DISTRIBUTION OF ARSENIC ALBUM 30

Immunity Booster medicine AR-SENIC ALBUM-30 were provided by District Red Cross Branch, Jalandhar to the employees of DC office under the able stewardship of Deputy Commissioner-cum-President, DRCS, Jalandhar.



**Personal Protection items
provided from Apr to Jun 2020**

Masks = 2,97,300
Sanitizers = 1,55,140
Soaps = 20,000
Hand Gloves = 28,080
PPE Kits = 23,938
Sanitary Pads = 42,200
Face Shield Masks = 600
Infrared Thermometer = 19



*Sh. Amrinder Singh, Red Cross Volunteer
made face shields for Corona Warriors on
the occasion of "World Red Cross Day"*



ISOLATION CENTRES

- The Youth Red Cross Unit of Chandigarh University, Mohali established an Isolation Centre having 1000 quarantine facility for COVID19 victims with provision to enhance the facility for 5000 persons.
- 3 ambulances in Service
- Used to distribute 1000 food packets to migrant labourers daily.

DECONTAMINATION AND SANITIZATION TUNNEL INSTALLED AT IRCA, GURDASPUR

IRCA Gurdaspur installed a decontamination & sanitation tunnel donated by BSF, HQ Gurdaspur which will help in disinfecting the patients, staff members and other visitors of the camp. We thank you Mr. Rajesh Sharma, IPS for this valuable gift.



DRCS Ferozepur provided help to District Administration in cremation of Corona victims.



Red Cross Volunteers provided support in disinfection of Red Cross vehicles like Ambulance and funeral vans etc, Red Cross buildings and Govt. office buildings etc.



Red Cross Volunteers in Tarn Taran put in all out efforts to fulfill the needs of people living in isolation wards during lockdown.



Care and Support Centre, Patiala provided dry ration kits to patients of HIV positive with the support of Radha Krishan Jan Sewa Samiti, Patiala. Radha Krishan Jan Sewa Samiti also provided two ceiling fans for the office of CSC, Patiala by following COVID 19 related instructions. These patients were also awared about social distancing, frequent hand washing and regular use of face mask etc.



Measurement of weight and counselling of TB patients at DOTS Centre through Red Cross volunteers at Amritsar & Jalandhar under TB Project supported by Irish Red Cross.



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Sr. No.	District	Blood units	Ration kits	Food Pkt	Masks	Sanitiz-ers	Gloves	Medicine (in Rs.)	PPE Kits	Fruit kits	Sanitary Pads
1	Amritsar	Nil	10,225	845,500	60,200	500	Nil	25,000	11,000	1,400	Nil
2	Barnala	40	6,250	90,000	3,000	5,000	70	25,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Bathinda	1,695	200	600,000	24,000	2,000	650	27,758	3	Nil	Nil
4	Fatehgarh	Nil	Nil	1,500	200	200	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
5	Faridkot	231	8,000	20,000	500	2,500	200	10,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
6	Fazilka	50	700	530,300	1,600	4,800	200	20,000	200	Nil	Nil
7	Ferozepur	250	6,000	1,530,000	2,200	5,400	3,500	524,000	200	Nil	Nil
8	Gurdaspur	Nil	20	275	4,300	1,010	700	1,030,856	nil	Nil	Nil
9	Hoshiarpur	60	2,950	21,500	38,000	8,210	200	59,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
10	Jalandhar	238	35,020	32,000	11,550	12,750	200	10,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
11	Kapurthala	Nil	1,890	Nil	850	5,000	10	Nil	Nil	5,280	Nil
12	Ludhiana	100	15,000	Nil	500	40,000	250	Nil	Nil	Nil	40,000
13	Mansa	Nil	5,500	115,000	Nil	3,600	Nil	10,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
14	Moga	Nil	2,175	1,533	2,200	20	50	328,332	Nil	Nil	Nil
15	Muktsar	23	4,800	23,365	13,000	7,000	Nil	25,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
16	Mohali	40	9,000	59,600	4,900	7,500	2,500	36,000	25	18,000	2,100
17	Nawan Shahar	218	Nil	36,000	20,000	15,000	10,500	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
18	Patiala	Nil	18,010	1,000,000	4,000	4,500	Nil	200,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
19	Roopnagar	150	430	165,500	2,900	450	550	27,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
20	Sangrur	Nil	400	1,400	3,500	Nil	Nil	77,000	Nil	Nil	Nil
21	Tarn Taran	1,503	3,500	850,000	80,000	22,000	3,500	23,000	12,500	2,500	Nil
22	Pathankot	Nil	1,000	2,100,000	5,000	5,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
23	DDC Gurdaspur	Nil	620	300	10,500	2,700	5,000	Nil	10	150	Nil
24	DDC Patiala	Nil	10	1,575	4,400	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	100
TOTAL		4,598	131,700	8,025,348	297,300	155,140	28,080	2,457,946	23,938	27,330	42,200