

Support to small-scale fish vendors in Purba Medinipur during COVID lockdown

The COVID lockdown began in West Bengal from 25 March 2020. Food production and distribution had been officially exempted from lockdown. However, in actuality, for a certain period, almost all economic mobility was paralysed or grew extremely feeble. The small-scale fish vendors were particularly hard hit.

In the month of May, DISHA distributed food rations among 640 fish vendors across 10 blocks in Purba Medinipur. The distribution, in brief, is as follows:

Block	Number of Beneficiary families	Block	Number of Beneficiary families
Contai I	144	Egra II	88
Deshapran	48	Khejuri I	8
Contai III	104	Khejuri II	40
Ramnagar I	40	Nandigram II	48
Ramnagar II	104	Bhagawanpur II	8
Egra I	8	Total number of beneficiary vendor families	640

Unfortunately, unlike in the case of many other districts, there is a dearth of pictures. A few are given below.











