

A quick report on DISHA's Relief Work in the Eastern Sundarbans

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From 7 June to 9 June 2020, DISHA's relief team took the relief directly to communities at various locations in the eastern Sundarbans in West Bengal. The effort was undertaken in collaboration with Howrah Vigyan Chetana, the Dakshinbanga Matsyajibi Forum, and various local organizations such as the Paschim Sridharkati Janakalyan Sangha and Mrittika Prayas. In addition, mention must be made of the wonderful team of boatmen led by Amirul Middey, who took care of the team and the journey.

The expedition began at Gadkhali in the Sundarbans and took the expedition to the following locations:

On 7 June 2020

(i) Amlamethi in Bali; (ii) Tipligheri in Lahiripur in Satjelia (both in Gosaba Block, South 24 Parganas District).

[In addition, tarpaulins were sent to Bipradaspur in Gosaba through local activists.]

On 8 June 2020

(i) Khejurtala in Chhoto Mollakhali; and (ii) Kumirmari (both in Gosaba Block, District: South 24 Parganas District).

On 9 June 2020

(i) Hemnagar in Hingalganj Block; (ii) Sardarpara in Hingalganj Block; and (iii) Atapur in Sandeshkhali II Block (both in North 24 Parganas District).



Items distributed

The relief included tarpaulin sheets, food bags, water purifying solution, and bleaching powder.

- 345 tarpaulin sheets were distributed.
- 525 food bags of various compositions (based on local demand/requirement) were distributed, as follows:
 - 150 food bags, each bag containing 2 Kg oil, 2 Kg potato, 1 Kg Onion, jira 100 gm packet, 2 packets of Soybean each of 100 gm, Soap 1 bar, face mask 1 piece;
 - 100 Bags, each containing 2 Kg oil, 2 Kg potato, 1 Kg Onion, Jira 100 gm packet, 2 packets of Soybean each of 100 gm, Soap 1 bar, face mask 1 piece;
 - 200 Bags, each containing 4 Kg Rice, 1 Kg oil, 2 Kg potato, 1 Kg onion, 2 packets of Sattu each of 100 gm, 1 biscuit packet of 400 gm, 2 packets of Soybean each of 100 gm
 - 75 food bags, each containing 2 Kg lentil, 1 Kg oil, 5 ORS pouches. 1 biscuit packet of 400 gm

- 525 bottles of water purifying solution (courtesy Howrah Vigyan Chetana).
- 50 Kg of bleaching powder were handed over to activists at Sardarpara and Atapur points respectively for local distribution based on need.

















