

2021 COVID19 Relief Work in BBNJ Region: Field Update May 25, 2021

We want to thank each of you who have helped contribute to our relief efforts during this difficult time in India. Thank you for your prayers for this hurting nation. Thank you for your contributions which allow us to meet some very real needs. Our initial mission was to go house to house to give life-saving medicines to those who could not find a bed in the hospital. As many of you from the States started contributing money with such a great desire to relieve the suffering of those who live around us, we started thinking about how to have a greater reach in the community. One of our national partners came in contact with a local politician who gladly accepted our offer to help his constituency. He is the current block representative for 100 villages and over 50,000 people. An IMB field worker, met with the politician and about 50 of the tribal leaders who also have a need for medical relief in their villages.



A woman smiled with tears in her eyes as she has been sick for weeks while only taking herbs for her symptoms. She was started on covid medicine to heal her lungs and keep her from spreading the virus to her family and friends.

After some quick planning, 4 locations were chosen, and a “covid-camp” was set up in each place. Temperature and O2 saturation were checked for the locals and enough vitamin C, D, and zinc for 200 families was distributed. Each patient was also prayed for by a local pastor or believer. All of those helping are volunteers. After a few exhausting days, the plan continues to morph in order to have the greatest impact in these communities. The current plan is to make boxes of vitamins and acetaminophen for 200 families for each village leader. These boxes will cost about \$300 each. The village leader can then distribute the vitamins and give the prevention education to his own folks. If someone becomes very ill and needs a personal visit and more specific medication and quarantine regimen, then the village leader will make contact with our national partner. We will reach as many as we can for as long as it is needed. And if the current lockdown is extended (which we fully expect will happen) then food ration distribution will become a greater need as well. We would appreciate your continued prayers that lives can be saved and that doors will be opened for the Gospel.

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Distribution and check-ups were done in a local school that is currently not in session due to covid.



A local believer explains the proper way to take the vitamins for maximal benefit.

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A new believer, Suraj, bravely volunteers his time to check vitals on some very needy people.



A local pastor, David, passes out vitamins and gives instructions in the local tribal language. He will head the efforts to plant churches in these areas.