

# TEMPERATURE CHECK

## #CycloneAmphanResponse

Cyclone Amphan hit West Bengal on the afternoon of May 20, 2020 leaving a trail of destruction in its wake. The cyclonic winds that blew at a speed of 185 km per hour uprooted trees, destroyed homes, flattened fields with standing crops and disrupted water and electricity supply and affected more than a million people. With the combined threat of the pandemic, along with the devastation caused by the cyclone, the long-term consequences will be far-reaching and particularly extreme for the most vulnerable.

With lock down and pandemic, the livelihood of the people on the margins was already grim. The destruction caused by the cyclone has further worsened the situation. They have been largely under debt to sustain the pandemic, now the loss of homes and livelihood has further pushed them into the cycle of poverty. Most of the families living in unhygienic conditions without access to clean drinking water and food has been a major concern. Most of the household utilities including utensils, clothes, sanitation structure and drinking water assets were buried under the collapsed structures. The socio economic damage has been huge, as infrastructure, health, and livelihood have been severely impacted.

### SEEDS on the Ground

SEEDS teams are stationed on the ground in the landfall district of East Medinipur in Bengal and also in other affected districts of Kolkata, North 24 Parganas and South 24 Parganas.

SEEDS' relief activities are already ongoing. With no electricity, water pumps operational in most areas, affecting availability of safe drinking water, it has become a major issue for the families.

SEEDS' Technical team is making detailed damage assessments; and working out housing solutions.

### Immediate Needs

**SEEDS aims to reach out to 1 lakh affected people**



**Safe Drinking Water Supply**



**Ration, Hygiene & Family Utility Kits**



**Shelter Support**



**Medical Health Camps**



**Village Hygiene and Cleaning Kit**



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## #SEEDS Emergency Response

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### Damage across West Bengal



**16** Districts Affected



**13.6** Million People Affected



**53,932** Houses Fully Damaged



**72,587** Houses Partially Damaged



**15,000** ha. crop destroyed



**52,602** people in relief camps

Source: Partner organisation and Volunteers in field

## Stories from the ground

### Left with nothing!

Pari Bera, a widow tragically lost three of her four children in 1974, due to a water borne disease post cyclone.

Seventy-year old Pari Bera has worked as a mid-wife and is a respected member of the community in Sarada village in East Medinipur. Quite progressive amongst her peer group, Pari joined classes for adult education under the literacy program launched by National Literacy Mission at the age of 40.



On the early morning of May 20, Pari Bera went to her neighbour's house to seek refuge. She knew about the Cyclone Amphan and feared that her mud house will not be able to survive it.

The thought of losing her house to Amphan kept her restless. Heavy rains caused massive damage to her house. The sidewall of the verandah that supported the main room had collapsed & the roof was blown away.

Her son living in Howrah city, Kolkata, who could not visit her this year due to the pandemic has only added further to her misery. Around 375 families living in mud and brick houses of Sarada village sadly sail in the same boat as Pari Bera.

### Disaster within disaster!

"We did not leave the house because we were eating food. We thought that we would be safe. At around 1 pm, a tree fell on our shelter. That's when we got out and ran towards *Panchayat ghar*", narrates thirty-two year old Sonju Ghorai from the fishermen community in Bhrampur Colony. The Colony is located in the coastal area of Contai Block 1 in East Medinipur.



Once they returned back the very next day, they salvaged the necessary documents that were left behind. 35 kg of rice received in ration was spoiled, electric meter box had been damaged; and except for two plates, all the utensils were blown away in the storm. As of now, they have borrowed utensils from their relatives.

Due to COVID-19 crisis, Sonju has not been able to earn anything for past two months. Like many others, he has also been at home during the lockdown. The family took a loan of Rs 3000 to manage their everyday expense.

"For past five days, post Cyclone Amphan, we have not had proper meals. For how long people will lend us money", says Sonju. He is now engaged in labour work, removing fallen trees wherever required. Sonju has earned Rs 170 in the past five days.

## #Covid19 Response



### SEEDS IN ACTION

We have about 150 key volunteers working in the field and contributing towards the mission

With the efficient support of local administration, and volunteers on ground, SEEDS team managed to complete the distribution of 3140 dry ration and 3140 hygiene kits in Pune, Maharashtra. The major communities catered to were daily wage workers, families led by women, elderly, widow/widower led families and people with disability.

A total of 5908 Ration and 3500 Hygiene Kits have been distributed in Delhi-NCR covering 10 districts, reaching out to ghettos, slums and other areas with deprived communities. As a reach out mission to support the vulnerable, we have also recently started distributing relief kits in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.



**SEEDS needs your kind support for reaching out to 1 million persons in underprivileged communities across India**

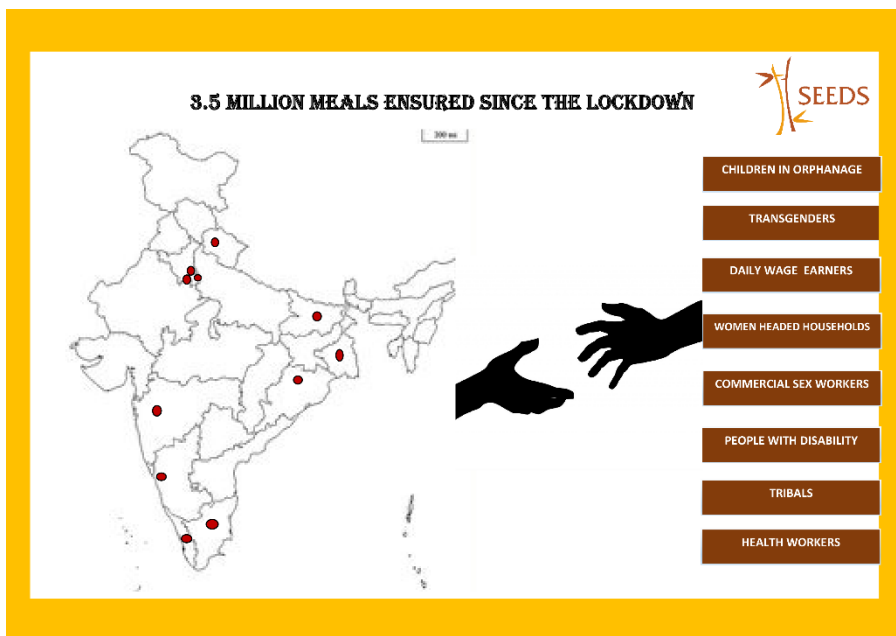
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## SEEDS stands strongly with those in need in these difficult times!

“I’m Kala. I live in Dorasani Nagar district of Bangalore, Karnataka. For last 20 years, I have been earning my income by working as a caretaker in the nearby households. After the Covid-19 outbreak followed by the country lockdown, nobody wants us to go to their houses and work. My husband is also a daily wage worker and he too doesn’t have any income presently. We have four children. We were in a very difficult situation in finding food to feed six members in our family. It was at this time that dry ration kits were provided to us by the volunteers of SEEDS. The kit provided is a great support for me and my family at this critical hour of the need. Thanks a lot.”



## REACHING OUT AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE!



More than 2 lakh lives touched across 11 states of India

1. 3.5 million meals distributed in ration
2. Over 20,000 families received essential hygiene kits
3. 2,850 PPE kits for frontline health workers to keep them safe



**1,16,730**  
people reached



**1,00,200**  
people reached



**2850**  
kits distributed

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