



COVID-19 Relief Initiative- Suhana Safar Programme

At present, COVID-19 pandemic is posed as the most defining global health crisis and the greatest challenge we are facing is to support the people and communities who do not have access to basic resources.

In order to provide a helping hand to those in distress, Development Alternatives (DA) and Maersk have come together and initiated support to provide vulnerable and stranded people/communities with some basic requirements like food, dry ration and self-protection items. Along with that, in order to provide support to our frontline workers, especially doctors, we also initiated in providing the PPE kits.

Dry Ration Distribution at Dadri Depot and to the community in Tilapta village

As the operations at depots were halted and people have lost their sources of income, which in turn has led to reduction in capacity to buy essential food, dry ration was distributed to provide some relief. To initiate this, a letter of intent was submitted to DM's office and necessary permissions were obtained from district authorities in person. On 6 and 7 May 2020, 400 kits of dry ration were distributed to individuals at Inland Containerised Depot, Dadri and nearby community. The beneficiaries were Truck

drivers & helpers and residents of Tilapta village. Each kit included 5 kg of wheat flour, 2 Kg Dal, 1litre mustard oil, half kg salt and 100gms of Turmeric powder. The distribution was done with the help of volunteers from APM terminals and DA who were following the required social distancing and sanitisation norms. Although following these norms were a bit challenging while distributing ration among the community. With the help of local police, this could be managed.

Provision of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Kits (Noida)

Another initiative undertaken to help our frontline health workers was providing them PPE kits. These kits were in accordance with all the required specifications and were certified by DRDO. On 26 May 2020, 500 sanitised and disinfected kits were handed over to Additional CMO, Sanjiv Manglik who is the nodal officer for COVID-19 of Gautam Buddha Nagar District in Noida by DA representatives. These PPE kits were later distributed in District Hospital, sector-39 Noida, as per the requirement.

Both these initiatives were aligned to provide maximum support to vulnerable communities and frontline workers. DA along with its partners is committed and look forward to more such initiatives to fight COVID-19 upfront.