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**DSWA REPORT ON COVID-19 RELIEF WORK IN GUJARAT
AND MAHARASHTRA IN COLLABORATION WITH
DONKEY SANCTUARY UK- JANUARY TO JUNE 2021**



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INTRODUCTION

COVID-19 is a devastating pandemic and has severely impacted the whole world. The pandemic is extremely detrimental not only to health but also to the economy globally. In India, the ongoing coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent lockdown has not only affected the health of people, their livelihood but also the livestock due to lack of accessibility to inputs and care during this crisis period. Among all, the situation is worst for the working equines and their dependent communities.

The condition of the poor donkey owning communities who are employed in the brick-making industry are highly affected by the pandemic situation. The brick kiln work in India is seasonal and is operational from December to June. During this period more than 80% of donkey owning community dependent on brick kiln work migrate from different districts within the same state and few from other states with their equines to earn their livelihood. The income earned during this brick kiln season helps them to manage their lives during the off-season as well as the employment opportunities for them are usually very limited in their villages. After months of uncertainty, the Government of India lifted the restrictions and allowed the industries to operate especially the Brick kilns which is our area of interest because that is where our beneficiaries (Donkeys and donkey owning communities) live and survive for their livelihood.

The Donkey Sanctuary – United Kingdom had kindly allocated funds for different organisations in Asia and Africa to help the beneficiaries in these difficult times as part of their initiative -CERF (Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund). DSWA was fortunate to get selected and receive this fund to help the donkeys and their owners in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Helping the donkey owners in this crisis situation is very important for the welfare of donkeys and the poor communities that are in desperate need. The relief work helped to mitigate the difficulties and poverty that the donkey owning communities faced in this crisis situation.

DSWA in collaboration with DSUK carried out the relief work for the affected donkeys and donkey owning communities in Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar Districts in Gujarat and Solapur district in Maharashtra from 1st January 2021 to 30th June 2021 as per the approved proposal.



COVID RELIEF WORK IN GUJARAT AND MAHARASHTRA

The relief work was carried out to achieve the below mentioned Goal:

“To ensure donkey welfare by feeding support and health care provision to the affected donkeys and support donkey owned migrant communities for household sustenance and livelihood upkeep during the crisis period”

The first step of the relief work was to carry out survey of the brick kilns that are operational in different zones covering a radius of 75 kilometers. The survey included identifying brick kilns, raising awareness on the Covid-19 relief work among the donkey owners, brick kiln owners, welfare assessment of the donkeys, animal-based issues and site-specific issues (terrain, clean drinking water, shade, shelter etc) in that particular brick kilns, collect data on the number of owners and number of donkeys. The following brick kilns were chosen to carry out the relief work to help the donkeys and the donkey owning communities working in the brick kilns in Ahmedabad (Gujarat) and Solapur (Maharashtra) All the activities were carried out as mentioned in the proposal benefitting the donkeys and people mentioned in the tabular column below.

COVID-19 RELIEF WORK - GUJARAT			
Name of the brick kiln	Number of owners benefitted	Number of donkeys benefitted	Distance from Office (in Kms)
Star Vavol	Mr. Anand, Jagdish, Shankar, Mohan, Ajay	32	18
MK Mota Chaapra	Mr. Raman, Ramesh, Gangaji, Lalabhai	33	38
MM Bhat	Mr Devaji, Dayaji, Lalaji, Bakaji, Rajubhai, Kalubhai	46	37
VI Bhat	Mr.Raman, Hariji, Bharat, Manaji	29	38
PB Koth	Mr. Balaji, Gopiji, Sardar, Haribhai	30	72
HD Barejedi	Mr. Dayaji, Govind, Sarvan, Poonam	18	58
VIP Koth	Mr. Mahesh, Dinesh, Jagdish	24	74
AR Saroda	Mr. Ramesh, Ramu, Baldev, Govind	25	53
BR Chandisar	Mr. Mahesh, Praveen, Fauji, Pappu, Sogaji, Karsan, Bharat, Maangalal, Prahlad, Govind Mr. Dayaji, Ashok, Panchi. Poonam	35	47
SS Chapaniya Paroo	Mr. Mahesh, Jagdish, Sailesh, Keemaji	31	52
JBC Chiloda	Mr. Chagan, Kishan, Bhimaji, Jayanthi, Rudaji, Ranaji	37	57
MA Navagaon	Mr. Jagdish, Gautam, Poonaji, Nangaji, Kamlesh	37	59
VS Chalindra	Mr.Gulab, Dinesh, Hakaji, Bharat, Munna	30	62
RK Navastolabad	Mr.Bharat, Tinaji, Kalubhai,	20	57
MM Barejedi	Mr. Prabhu, Palaji, Hiraji, Ramesh	19	51
VS Daroda	Mr. Dinesh, Gulab, Hakaji, Raju, Bharat	31	69
Star Navagaon Nagri, Dharmapura	Mr. Bhudaji, Mr.Ratilal	14	65
JXD Haryani Muvadi	Mr. Ramesh, Vinod, Manibhai, Dalpat, Popat	39	62
KB Haryani Muvadi	Mr. Sanjay, Mahesh, Bhuvan, Ramesh	33	60
SMB Haryani Muvadi	Mr. Sukhaji, Parbhat, Ramesh, Somaji, Govind	33	56
MM Barejedi	Mr. Hirabhai, Palabhai, Kamlesh, Ramesh	19	51
MM Bhat	Mr.Kalubhai, Raju, Navneet	21	38
PB Koth	Mr. Balaji, Gopiji, Sardar, Haribhai	30	72
VIP Koth	Mr. Mahesh, Dinesh, Jagdish	24	74
MA Navagaon	Mr. Jagdish, Gautam, Poonaji, Nangaji, Kamlesh	37	59
Star Barejedi	Mr. Dayaji, Ponaji, Ramesh, Govind, Sarvan,	21	42

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Star Vavol	Mr. Jagdish, Anand, Shankar, Mohan, Ajay	32	18
MI Valtheda	Mr. Dayaji, Ashok, Panchi. Poonam	31	74
A1B Kakosi	Mr. Mukesh, Jagdish, Prakash, Rajubhai, Jagdish	39	124
AB Kakosi	Mr. Sardar, Mahendar, Ramaji, Somalji, Rajubhai	42	120
SB Kakosi	Mr.Dharmaji, Babuji, Karsan, Hasmukh, Jayaji	34	118
A1B Mudhwada	Mr. Gulab, Dayaji, Jagdish	21	133
S* B Kadiyasan	Mr. Kantibhai, Bhimaji, Babaji, Hakubhai, Sethibhai, Lakhaji, Dhulabhai	48	114
NM Unava	Mr. Deepak, Danesh, Jayanti, Bakhabhai, Nangaji, Suresh	54	92
B Bhandu	Mr. Dasrath, Jeetu, Laxman, Vanraj, Alpesh, Mohan	59	93
MK Mota Chaapra	Mr. Ramesh, Raman, Gangaji, Lalabhai	33	38
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PB Koth	Mr. Balaji, Ramesh,	14	72
VIP Koth	Mr.Mahesh, Jagdish	18	74
KB Haryani Muvadi	Mr.Ramesh Manabhai, Ramesh Heerabhai, Bhurabhai, Mahesh, Dalpat, Vinod, Sanjay	55	60
SMB Haryani Muvadi	Mr. Desai, Sukhaji, Raju, Somabhai, Prabhat, Ramesh	41	56
SS Chapaniya Paroo	Mr. Mahesh, Jagdish, Keemaji, Sailesh	31	52
MA Chalindra	Mr.Jagdish, Gautam, Poonaji, Nangaji, Kamlesh	37	59
S*B Sedrana	Mr.Vikram, Prakash, Sunil, Ramesh, Harshal, Kannaji, Pokharji	57	
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Navagaon	Budhaji, Gulab, Roopaji	22	54
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JBC Chiloda	Mr. Chagan, Kishan, Bhimaji, Jayanthi, Rudaji, Ranaji, Saileshbhai	45	57
KB Haryani Muvadi	Mr. Ramesh Manabhai, Ramesh, Bhurabhai, Mahesh, Dalpat, Vinod, Sanjay, Govind	62	60
SMB Haryani Muvadi	Mr. Desai, Sukhaji, Raju, Somabhai, Prabhat, Ramesh, Suresh	49	56
LD Barejedi	Mr. Ramesh Dayaji, Hirabhai,	22	60
Hebatpur	Mr. Gulab, Govind, Sitaram	6	14
Sanand	Mr. Mahesh, Bharat, Mahesh Saroda, Praveen Saroda	24	27
Pirana	Mr. Karsan, Maangalal, Prahlad, Bharat	20	32
Por	Mr. Deepak, Nangaji	11	16
Shantipura Toll	Mr. Balaji, Ramesh,	14	22
COVID-19 RELIEF WORK - MAHARASHTRA			
Akkalkot road MIDC (Shrisali Malak and Tambake Malak Brick kilns)	Mr. Shrikant Bhandare, Rayappa Gonyal, Dattu Mhetre, Ram Waghmare, Siddharam Misalelu, Sunil Khade, Srinivas Jagale, Par am Misalelu, Lakshman Ulapallu, Sandhu Asade, Siddalinga Mhetre, Mareppa Mhetre, Deepak Shetty, Suresh Jetlelu, Parshuram Mhetre	197	
Bolkote Nagar (Hanuman Malak and Bolkote Malak brick kiln)	Mr. Namdev Aragolu, Maruti Khurdakar, Mallu Madge, Vijay Madge, Lakshamn Pollalu, Akshay Pollalu, Appasha Kamble, Malkarsiddh Koli, Kishan Pawar, Prakash Gaikwad, Dattu Vitakar	161	
Nilam Nagar (Kale Malak and Koli Malak brick kiln)	Yelappa Pawar, Vitthal Pawar, Raju Pawar	43	
Swagat Nagar (Kengnalkar and Raju Malak brick kiln)	Ajay Waghmare, Sunil Kamble. Nagu Vitkar, Tulsiram Dhotre	30	
Shanti nagar (Dixit Malak and	Mr. Anil Kharadkar, Hari Mangulkar, Dattu Mangulkar, Sidram Mangulkar	48	

Sameer Malak brick kiln)			
Desai Nagar (Sunil Bali and Anil Bali brick iiln)	Mr. Ganpat Kamble, Nagesh Kamble, Raju Bansode, Mallu Shingare, Lakshamn Dandge, Anil Dandge, Desam, Sidram Maitri, Venkatesh Mhetre, Venkatesh Hamapagalu, Sanjay Jadhav, Lakshman Karemul	155	
Kumtha Village	Mr. Srinivas Jagale, Ramu, Marryappa, Parshuram, Sadashiv, Rakesh, Raju, Srinivas Mhetre, Mallesh, Ram Devkare, Datta Mehtre, Siddharam, Shandu Asade, Babu Vite, Laxman, Naresh Peddi, Anjappa, Ambadas, Shrikant, Laxman, Bhimappa, Vitthal Pawar, Hanamantu, Appasha, Appu Shinde, Swami Kumhare, Ambadas Naik, Yallappa, Ajay, Venkatesh, Hanmantu Mhetre, Ambu Peddi, Mallukarjun, Satish	294	
Swagat nagar and Desai nagar Brick kilns	Siddhu Mane, Hari Manjulkar, Sadashiv Kurrhadkar	42	
Akkalkot Road Brick ilns	Ambadas Khurradkar, Mallu Koli, Jambaj Kawil	20	
Vidigharkul Road Brick kilns	Mallu Madage, Vijay Madage, Channappa Khade, Ankush Mhetre, Siddhaling Mhetre, Sidharam Manjulkar, Srinivas Mashalkar, Ambadas Vite, Ravi Mehtre, Sanjay Jadhav	52	

TOTAL NUMBER OF DONKEYS AND DONKEY OWNING FAMILIES BENEFITTED BY THE RELIEF WORK

Month	Number of donkeys benefitted so far	Number of donkeys owning families benefitted so far
January 2021	303	48
February 2021	174	32
March 2021	362	64
April 2021	422	53
May 2021	438	60
June 2021	995	103
TOTAL	2256	360

The relief work started with preparing the **Hygiene Kit** containing face masks (cotton and washable), hand sanitiser, anti-septic soap and **Ration Kit** containing wheat flour, Lentils, Cooking Oil, Salt and Jaggery for the donkey owners and donkey feed mixture containing wheat bran, maize kernels and mineral mixture for the donkeys. The relief materials were distributed to the donkey owning families and their donkeys working in the brick kilns in Gujarat and Maharashtra based on the survey conducted to assess the welfare status of donkeys and the economic situation of the donkey owning communities.





Preparing the relief materials (Ration, Donkey feed, Medicines) for relief work







Relief material distributed to the Donkey owning communities in Brick kilns

Health camps were organised to conduct rapid assessment of the condition of the donkeys (BCS, Demeanour, Wounds, Lameness, signs of injury and illness) and their welfare status, provide treatment, vaccination and advice accordingly. **Hands on training on wound management and hoof care** was given to the donkey owners and handlers. Anti-septic solution and powder, ointments and medicines were given for follow up care of their donkeys.







Health Camps organised (Welfare assessment, Treatment, Vaccination, Deworming and Hoof care)





Donkey feed distributed to the donkey owners

The above-mentioned activities (Relief material distributed to the Donkey owning communities in Brick kilns, health camps organised (Welfare assessment, Treatment, Vaccination, Deworming and Hoof care and Donkey feed distributed to the donkey owners) was carried out to achieve the following mentioned in the proposal narrative and Monitoring template of the CERF proposal:

OUTCOME	OUTPUT	ACTIVITIES DONE
Donkey welfare is achieved through health care and nutrition support	Animal health care services and training the donkey owners are done through health camps in the brick kilns (50 km radius) where donkey owners live	Health and welfare camps -Rapid assessment of the condition of equines and health care provided (treatments and preventive measures) to the needed
		Providing essential materials for donkeys (feed, green fodder and mineral supplements)
		Training donkey owners on basic health care
Donkey owned migrant communities basic need for household nutrition is met through ration provision	Basic nutrition supplies (Cereals, pulses, oil, sugar etc) are distributed to affected 100 families to meet their nutrition requirement	Provide essentials for people (dry ration, medicines, hygiene kit and Sanitary kit etc)

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS SESSIONS were carried out in the brick kilns on the hygiene and precautionary measures to follow to be safe and protect themselves from the pandemic. We carried out sessions to educate the donkey owners on proper nutrition, good harnessing and causes of wounds, hoof care and general care and management of their donkeys during this difficult situation. Interactive sessions were conducted to raise awareness of sentient status of donkeys, to reduce the burden on donkeys - prevent abandonment and sell them during crisis. Around 92 education and awareness sessions were carried out during the relief work.





Education and awareness sessions carried out in the brick kilns

The education and awareness sessions were carried out to achieve the following:

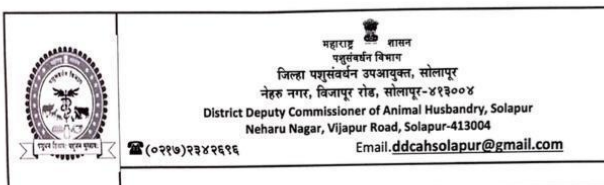
OUTCOME	OUTPUT	ACTIVITIES DONE
Donkey welfare is achieved through health care and nutrition support	Donkeys are valued economically and socially	Raise awareness of sentient status of donkeys and how to look after them during the pandemic
		Raise awareness to reduce the burden on donkeys - prevent abandonment and sell them during crisis
		Raise awareness on precautionary measures to prevent disease spread during the pandemic

LIAISON WITH GOVERNMENT ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT: We liaised with the Government Animal Husbandry Department officials and briefed them about the Covid relief work carried out by DSWA to help the donkeys and their owners and requested to join us in the health camp in the brick kilns. The officials appreciated the efforts and joined us in the relief work. In one of the camps the District Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry - Dr. N.A. Sonwane was present for the entire period of the camp, distributed the relief materials to the donkey owners and vaccinated some donkeys during the health camp. During his speech, the District Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry appreciated our work and said that he would mention about our contribution in his report. He also promised that he would discuss with the higher authorities to extend the Livestock Insurance scheme to the donkey owning communities. Please find below some of the photos of the camp in which the Government Animal Husbandry officials participated. Looking at the relief work organised by DSWA, the DDCAH also sent an acknowledgement letter to the Chairperson of DSWA (photo below) praising our efforts.





Dr. N.A. Sonwane (District Deputy Commissioner of Animal Husbandry Department) at the health camp



From,

Dr. N.A. Sonwane,
District Deputy Commissioner
of Animal Husbandry,
Solapur

To,

The Chairperson,
Donkey Sanctuary Welfare Association,
New Delhi

Dear Sir / Madam,

On behalf of the District Animal Husbandry Department in Solapur District (Maharashtra), I would like to extend our sincere gratitude to your organisation for the Covid-19 relief work for the working donkeys and the donkey owning communities at Solapur District. We appreciate the efforts take to organize the health and awareness camps for the donkeys and distributing relief materials to the donkey owners during this pandemic situation. We duly acknowledge and appreciate the work carried out by your organisation, Dr. Ramesh Kumar Perumal and Dr. Satyajit Patil and we look forward to supporting you in your future work in this District. It gave me immense pleasure to participate in the program organised in Shrishail Malak brick kilns at Akkalkot Road MIDC on 09-06-2021.

Thanking you,
Yours Truly,

(Dr. N.A. Sonwane)
District Deputy Commissioner
of Animal Husbandry,
Solapur



OUTCOME

Donkey welfare is achieved through health care and nutrition support

OUTPUT

Animal health care services and training the donkey owners are done through health

ACTIVITIES DONE

System Strengthening- Meeting and involving all stakeholders (veterinary department, veterinary institutions, local NGOs, and Government Institutions) to sensitize the welfare issues of the affected population

Training for Government officials to sensitise the welfare issues of donkeys and hands on training on basic health care

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT / LIVELIHOOD FOR WOMEN- Workshop to make back protectors-

We organised workshop for the women from the donkey owning community to train them to make harness (back protectors) for the donkeys at Ahmedabad farm. The women were brought to the farm for hands on training on back protectors – materials to be used, exact measurements for Square and U-shaped back protectors, sewing technique, quantity of packing required in each back protector etc. We engage the women in donkey owning communities for alternate livelihood to generate income through involving them to make harness (back protectors) for their donkeys which can be distributed to the donkey owning communities as part of the relief work. This will allow them to earn some money for their expenses. The women were paid Rs.50 for each back protector produced which would help them as a source of livelihood during these difficult times. We distributed sewing machine to the women so that they could use it for their livelihood during this crisis situation.



Workshop for women at Ahmedabad donkey farm



Sewing machine distributed to the women at farm and at brick kiln



Materials required to produce the back protectors distributed to the women at the brick kilns





Back protectors (Harness) produced by the donkey owning community

The above-mentioned activities were carried out to achieve the following:

OUTCOME	OUTPUT	ACTIVITIES DONE
Women are empowered towards alternate livelihood during the difficult time and help them sustain beyond crisis	Training and capacity building of women for alternate livelihood - Income generating activities for source of income during crisis	Organize workshop with social distancing for training women (making face mask and back protectors) and provide sewing machine
		Harness (back protector) and face mask production

The relief work carried out has benefitted around 2256 donkeys and 360 donkey owning families in need during the crisis period. The relief work was well received by the donkey owning communities, brick kiln owners, Government officials and other stakeholders. Everyone expressed their gratitude for this kind support given by us in this difficult time due to the pandemics. We would like to thank The Donkey Sanctuary United Kingdom for this kind support (CERF- Covid Emergency Relief Fund) to carry out the much-needed relief work in Gujarat and Maharashtra.



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