



### Relief Initiatives to Battle COVID-19

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, DA has responded with multiple relief initiatives for vulnerable sections of society in collaboration with its various partners. For the month of July, DA partnered with MAERSK to support the truck drivers' community and worked with Janpahal to distribute dry rations kits in Delhi NCR.

The truck depots and truck drivers have always been crucial stakeholders under 'Suhana Safar programme' in collaboration with MAERSK. DA came up with the 'disinfection of truck cabins' as one of the initiatives to contribute towards 'COVID-19 Relief Support' work. Under this, truck cabins are being disinfected with **Avert Sporicidal Disinfectant cleaner** (chemical composition of sodium hypochlorite, sodium chloride, and sodium hydroxide) while entering the depots. This chemical disinfects the target surface within a minute. This initiative is important as it will prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus as the trucks travel through different cities and states.

This activity of truck cabin disinfection was initiated on 6 July 2020 at ICD Piyala, Faridabad wherein 64 truck cabins were sanitised at the entry gate. Following that, the activity was initiated at ICD Dadri and extended to ICD Tughlakabad. Since then, it is being carried on both the depots (ICD Dadri and ICD Tughlakabad). A four-member team helps in facilitating the disinfection process at the depots of which two people disinfect the vehicle with the chemical, one person notes down the details of the truck and the driver (truck number, name of the driver, phone number etc.) and other person looks after all the logistical coordination at the depot and within the team as well. All of them are equipped with proper PPEs and follow social distancing norms at the depots. So far, **3800+** trucks have been sanitised cumulatively on the three depots in Delhi- NCR.

Amidst the pandemic COVID-19, working-class families continue to face hurdles created due to more than two months' lockdown. We are now in the unlocking phase but things are still far from being normal. Migrant worker's

families who have stayed back in Delhi are still largely out of work. Many services are yet to start. As an emergency response to the crisis and in an effort to meet the exigency of basic food for migrant workers and their families, DA has come forward to extend support to Migrant workers and their families by distributing dry ration to 1000 individuals with the support of Janpahal. **Janpahal** is a not for profit organisation working with migrant informal workers and their families across Delhi.

One Dry Food Kit consisted of 5 kg wheat flour, 4 kg rice, 2 kg pulses, 1 l mustard oil, 1 kg salt, and 100gram turmeric. The locations of distribution were namely Jwala Nagar, Vikas Marg, Pragati Maidan, ITO Slum, Bawana, Kalkaji, Lotus Temple, Lodi road, Okhla Mandi, New Seema Puri, Mansarovar Park, Dilshad colony and Tahirpur in Delhi. Locations consist of informal settlements including slums. All selected locations are inhabited by migrant workers including waste pickers, daily wage workers, construction workers, domestic workers, and street vendors. Development Alternatives supported the project and provided necessary resources while Janpahal executed the project on the ground by identifying individuals and communities and reaching out to them.