

## **DRAFT POLICY FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **COVID Hunger-free Village**

Hunger relief efforts are desperately required due to the situation during the COVID-19 lockdown where the poor, like the daily wage and migrant workers, are unable to earn their livelihood and are left without any food and savings. Our objective is to achieve total hunger-free villages. How do we declare a village hunger-free?

A village is declared as hunger-free when we have fulfilled all the duly identified and verified requests or complaints from the needy families or individuals from that village.

The requests or complaints due to lack of food by the genuinely needy are identified, verified, authorized and fulfilled in the following ways:

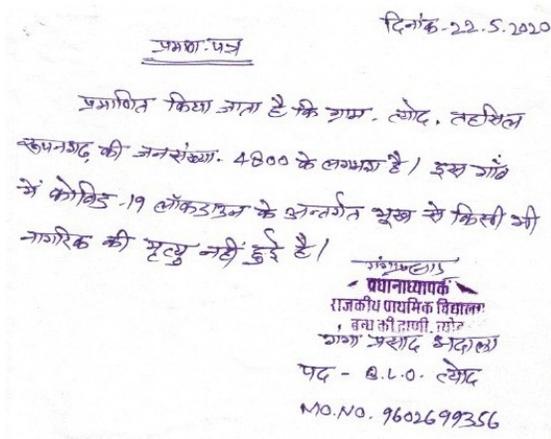
1. **Rajasthan Jan Soochna Portal** (<https://jansoochna.rajasthan.gov.in/>):
  - The complaints (or requests) for lack of ration supply registered on the Rajasthan Jan Soochna Portal by the needy for given villages within our coverage area are accessed and verified by our field centers.
  - Upon confirmation of these complaints or requests as valid by the local government officials our **survival kits** are then duly distributed to those needy families or individuals.
  
2. **Joint Survey by SWRC field centers and Booth Level Officers (BLOs)**:
  - Besides the Jan Soochna portal mentioned above, surveys are carried out by our field centers in various villages within our coverage areas that reach out and identify the genuinely needy who require hunger relief.
  - The demands from these surveys are then verified and approved by the BLOs and Gram Panchayats
  - Survival kits are then duly distributed to the needy.
  
3. **Food Relief distribution based on BLO surveys**:

We also provide relief support in response to the demands from the surveys carried out by the BLOs themselves. Survival kits are then distributed to the genuine families identified by the survey.

Our entire kit distribution process is fully documented. In all of the above cases, our survival kits distribution are also verified by the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) or VDOs (Village Development Officers) from Gram Panchayats or Patwari who are delegated by the government for hunger relief operations.

In addition, the reports of the distribution of the survival kits to the needy are submitted every week to the District Administration including the Sub Divisional Magistrate (SDM) and the District Collector.

Finally, once all the requests or complaints for hunger relief for a given village are fulfilled successfully, a **certificate is issued by the BLO** that demonstrates that there were no fatalities in the village due to hunger or starvation.. The certificate is shown below along with its English translation alongside.



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### Certificate

It is certified that the population of village Tyod, Tehsil Roopangad is around 4800. There has been no citizen casualty in this village during the COVID-19 lockdown.

(Signature/Stamp)

**Head Master**  
Govt. Primary School  
Bandh ki Dhani, Tyod  
District Ajmer  
Ganga Prasad Badhala  
Post - B.L.O Tyod  
Mobile No. 9602699356

In addition to the food items, our **survival kits** also include **personal protective items** that contain face masks, sanitizers, soaps and sanitary napkins to aid the needy individuals protect themselves from potential harmful infections. The detailed breakdown of the survival kits is as follows:

Sr No.	Food items	Quantity
1	Wheat Flour	20kg
2	Dal	2.5kg
3	Cooking Oil	1litre
4	Salt	1kg
5	Ground Chilli powder	250gms
6	Ground Turmeric	100gms
7	Onions	2kg
8	Potatoes	2kg
9	Super 5 Nutritional Supplement	1.25kg (50x25gm sachets)

<b>Sr No.</b>	<b>Personal Protective Items</b>	<b>Quantity</b>
1	Face masks	5
2	Sanitizer	150ml
3	Bar Soap	1
4	Sanitary Napkin	1 packet of 6 napkins each

Total cost of the 15 day survival kit is around Rs 1,500. These are government approved rates.