

COVID-19 Action Collaborative

GOVERNING COUNCIL:
22nd July 2020

#COVIDactionCollab

<https://covidactioncollab.in/>

Agenda

1. Action taken from previous GC recommendation
2. CAC Update
3. Partner narratives with SMS & Lucknow Support Group
4. Funding the collaborative actions - Follow up
5. Open discussion

New Member



SS Bhat

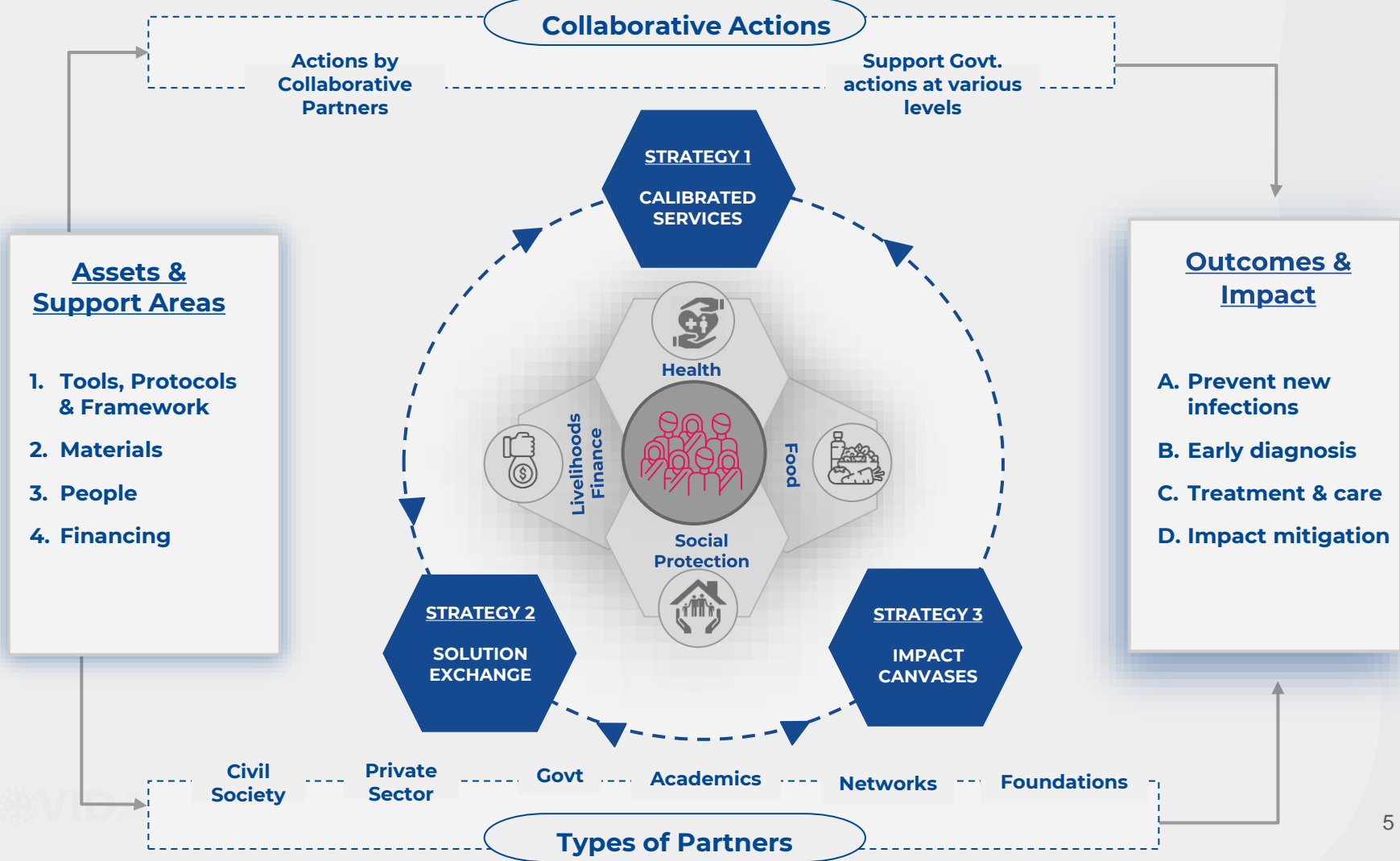
Currently, CEO, Friends of Women's World Banking (FWWB), India

Board of MYRADA and Sanghamithra Rural Financial Services and on Management Committee of Guarantee Scheme of Educational Loans of Govt of India

Winner of prestigious Aryabhata International Award for excellence in banking

Action points

1. Evaluate Auto-rickshaw COVID testing units for CBT
Exploring with Mumbai CBT
2. Better representation of Solution Circle progress
Dashboard in place; will be presented during updates
3. Offer Health Insurance to migrant workers
Being shared with migrant support partners
4. L4i research findings on reduction of support on TB, malaria etc.
In progress
5. Exploring funding opportunities for CAC
Exploring connects with a range of partners



Action & Progress

275 (274) partners, 15 (11) States, 90 (68) Districts

S1 - Calibrated Response



Delivering Health OR Livelihood OR Social protection- **1,548,844 (1,531,506)** service instances

Communities Served:



Female Sex Workers, MSM, PLHIV, Transgender, Farmers, Migrants, Artisans, Fisherfolk, MSMEs, Urban & Rural Poor, Children & Adolescents, People With Disabilities, Factory Workers, Elderly, HealthWorkers

S2 - Solution Exchange



1896 volunteers and experts



208 Vendors of life saving equipment



129 (124) Social Protection schemes mapped; **81** help desks established



Tools - Fever clinic, Elderly care, Home care
Lists: State Wise listing of CBOs

S3 - Solve Critical Challenges



14 (13) solution circles



5-10 partners in each circle

2 Deployed

1. *Tele-Care*
2. *Elder home based care*

5 being Piloted

1. *Community testing*
2. *Sewage testing*
3. *Job creation in sanitisation and hygiene*
4. *Apparel industry revival*
5. *Tablets for VP HHS*

7 Hibernating

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Update: 17th July 2020 - 12 pm (Figures in bracket are from 8th July update)

Swathi Mahila Sangha | Empowering lives of Women Sex Workers during COVID-19

Swathi Mahila Sangha (SMS) is one of the largest Community-Based Organisations (CBO) for women in sex work (WSW) in Karnataka. It strives to bring equity, equality, dignity and empowerment in the lives of WSW. Swathi Jyoti, promoted by SMS, is a community managed, mutually aided cooperative, providing financial services to its members. Team CAC caught up with Hareesh B S, CEO of Swathi Group of Organisations, to understand their COVID-19 response so far.

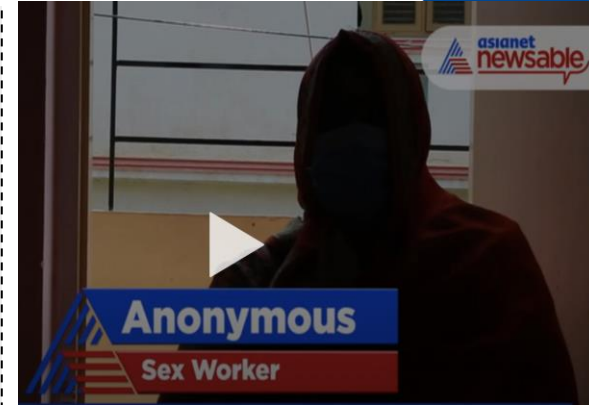


Covid 19 Response

- 1. Telehealth consultations, counseling, medicine and Social Protection services via telecare:** Reached out to **6,000 members** via telecare to deliver telehealth services
- 1. Direct cash transfers and ARV medicines to HIV individuals:** Members living with HIV alone are provided direct cash transfers and ARV medicines at their doorstep during the lockdown
- 1. Dry Ration Kits through BBMP:** Identifying members who don't have ration cards and providing them with dry ration kits through BBMP
- 1. Moratorium facilities: 3,200 out of 3,700** members have been provided moratorium facilities (Rs. 1.7 crores) without any penalty
- 1. Distribution of medicines to women with chronic conditions:** We have been distributing medicines for diabetes, hypertension, cardiac related issues, thyroid etc. to women living with chronic conditions
- 1. Aspiring women to become financially dependent:** Helping women aspiring to diversify their livelihoods become financially independent, by giving top-up loans (1.3 crores) in addition to their existing loans



We helped distribute Food & Grocery to **11,130** people, Medicine to **416** people, Cash Benefit to **209** people, Community Surveillance reach to **7,547** people, and Loans for emergency needs and livelihood activities of **INR 130 Lakhs**.



Why CAC?

- **Assisted analyse the scenario and develop an emergency response to members in need, to fight COVID-19**
- **CAC also connected us with various donors and resources to leverage to in turn support community members**

"The government is looking out for other labourers but we have not received any help. No one shows any concern for our livelihoods. People like us need a permanent solution and support, to make ends meet."

Anonymous sex worker

Support group Lucknow Covid 19 | Mobilizing efforts & contribution to help those in need

“**Support group Lucknow Covid 19**” is a Citizen’s Initiative to help the needy and destitute providing them with relief during the Covid-19 pandemic. It was initiated by few individuals in the last week of March 2020 just after the lockdown. This group consists of many people from Non Governmental Organizations (NGO), International NGOs, Media Personnel, other Professionals, Activists, Community Based Organizations (CBOs), organizations of unorganized sector workers and others. Team CAC spoke to Dr. Khushwant Singh, PhD about how this citizen led collective was formed and its journey of evolution. Link to video [here](#).



Covid 19 Response

1. **Awareness regarding Preventive measures:** Initial efforts were focussed on informing people about the preventive measure for Covid-19
1. **Cooked Meals & Ration Kits:** We have served cooked meals to **4,28,000 individuals**; there are around **28,000 families** whom we have provided Ration kits to; around **45,000 migrants** have been served refreshments through the collective
1. **Distribution of Masks & Sanitary Napkins:** With the help of the women in the collective, masks totaling up to crores were made and handed out for distribution along with sanitary napkins
1. **Arranging Safe Transit for migrant workers:** Migrants are stuck in between states and many individuals are working actively to help them with safe transit to their homes

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Challenges

- Despite the growing number individuals in the collective, there is a huge demand and supply gap for our services
- Lack of alignment between government, civil services, citizen initiatives working which in turn leads to lower levels of collaboration to ensure greater impact at different levels



Why CAC?

- **The collective comprises of individuals from a variety of backgrounds such as media, administration, logistics, etc helped the collective navigate challenges owing to the lockdown and found innovative solutions helping to maximise the reach effectively**
- **One common goal – the more the reach, the better**