



SRSP's Response Report

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Fight Against COVID-19

In response to the recent Pandemic of COVID-19, SRSP has stepped forward to fight against the outbreak in every possible way assisting the government efforts in KP including Merged Districts. Rigorous coordination are being held with different government departments, donor agencies, private philanthropists and most importantly the communities through SRSP's Humanitarian section. Based on our previous experiences and available expertise, SRSP has mobilized its existing pool of staff and has started initial response in preventive measures and provision of basic equipment and services to hinder the further spread of COVID-19.

This report will give a brief profile of what SRSP has achieved so far, what is being done at present and what is being planned.

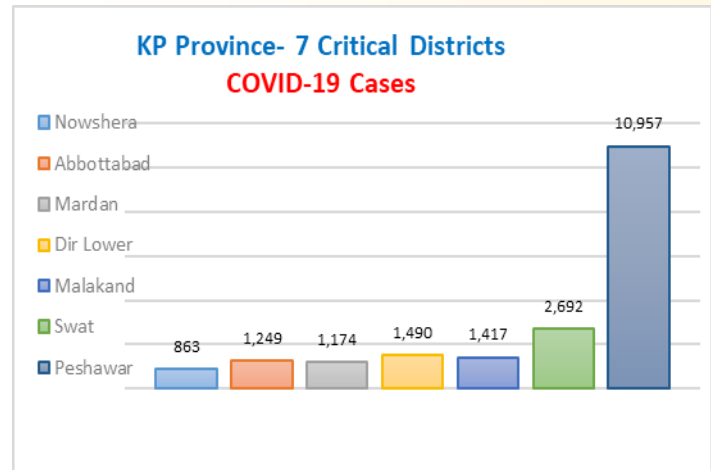
COVID-19 Updates - KP Province

30,486
Total Cases

21,158
Total Recovered

1,099
Total Deaths

8,229
Total Active Cases



Source: <http://covid.gov.pk/>

SRSP's Response

In response to the wake up of COVID-19 outbreak, SRSP is mobilizing funds and discussion with different donor agencies are being held as per needs coming from KP government and district health departments through directorate of health. However, some fund has already been committed and response has been commenced in well-coordinated manner. SRSP has also mobilized its existing Social Capital in fight against COVID-19.

Partnerships & Resource Mobilization

As part of contingency planning and preparedness, SRSP had signed Contingency agreement/PCA with UNICEF in WASH in 2018 effective for 5 years to respond any unforeseen emergency situation on humanitarian basis, and the response was done effectively in KP. Similar discussions are underway with different partners. Apart from external resource mobilization, SRSP has also mobilized its own resources to fund immediate response to the basic preventive needs at present.

COORDINATION MECHANISM WITH GOVERNMENT

Regular meetings are being held with Health Department KP for prioritization of districts, needs and ease in implementation. In this regard, Directorate of General Health Services has already issued a letter to district health offices to support SRSP responding to the COVID-19 outbreak. Further, regular coordination with PDMA is also being held for the NOCs and facilitate the access to the targeted sites.

SRSP is currently working on Preventive Response Strategy emphasizing awareness among mass communities. **Communication Strategy** has been developed specifically for COVID-19 response with targeted outreach of over 1,000,000 people through SMS, visuals, radio messages, verbal communication, Large banners display, mosque speakers etc. SRSP is already in touch with Local Support Organizations and Community Organizations and has mobilized its existing local social capital; LSO, VO and COs for information dissemination and creating awareness in their concern communities in KP including Merged Districts. Further under **"Do No Harm Approach"** SRSP avoids pamphlets, brochures to the extent possible and soft awareness messages are emphasized. Key messages are being delivered in soft and verbal communication keeping in view safety protocols in mind and avoid gatherings and exchange of awareness materials in hard.

Summary of Achievements

- SRSP through a series of interventions has so far reached over **2.3 million people** with a total outreach of **30 districts** through KP including Merged Districts.
- **1.9 million individuals** have been reached out with community awareness through community sessions, access via social sites, radio messages, megaphone announcements and mobilization through community networks such as CO/VO/LSO/VB.
- **10 local radio stations** engaged for awareness messages with coverage of 26 districts.
- **9,394 IEC materials** (Banners, Standees, leaflets, Posters etc.) distributed and placed at public sites.
- **21 health centers/hospitals** have been reached with WASH facilities and provision of PPEs to those HCFs, apart from the PPEs that were handed over to the KP government which will be distributed throughout KP.
- Disinfection spray conducted in **120 communal places** reaching out **116,729 individuals**.
- **11,465 COs, VO, LSOs & VBs** engaged in self-help initiatives on community awareness on preventive measures, food and non food items distribution etc. Together they have reached **over 400,000 individuals**.
- Together these **Community Institutions** distributed **8,569 food items, 990,660 cash, 5,373 soaps, 6,334 sanitizers and 23,069 masks** among vulnerable communities on self-help basis.
- **963 PPEs Kits** were handed over to KP Government and health Department that worth approx. **13 Million PKR**.

SRSP contribution in Response to combat Coronavirus

Community Mobilization & Awareness Raising

1,905,052
Individuals
Reached

30
Districts

Awareness Campaigns

- 23,936 awareness campaigns have been conducted across 30 districts with communities in local mosques, Hujras, health centers and other communal places ensuring COVID-19 preventive measures such as social distancing, handwashing etc.

246,921

Individuals
Reached

Awareness through IEC materials

- 9,394 IEC materials including banners, posters and standees distributed & displayed in various communal places including hospitals, public places, government buildings, bus stations, and markets etc. to maximize community awareness in combating Coronavirus and prevent its spreading.

281,820

Individuals
Reached

Awareness via Social and Mass media

- SRSP had engaged 10 local radio stations across KP for broadcasting awareness messages with the frequency of 06 times a day (60 seconds messages) each radio station that makes 60 messages a day. Approximately, 1,000,156 individuals have been reached with PTA approved awareness messages.
- In addition, SRSP field teams are mobilizing communities and spreading awareness messages via telecommunication sources such as social sites, WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram, and twitter etc. Approximately 188,685 individuals have been reached through WhatsApp and Mobile messages.

1,188,841

Individuals
Reached

Awareness through our Existing Social Capital

- 4,765 CRPs including 2,676 females have been mobilized and oriented on COVID-19 awareness who further engaged 65,271 community members for spreading the awareness among mass communities.
- In total, 11,4465 COs, VOs, LSOs & Village Banks engaged in self-help initiatives responding to COVID-19; community awareness on preventive measures, distribution of food and non food items, sanitizers, masks, soaps etc.

401,211

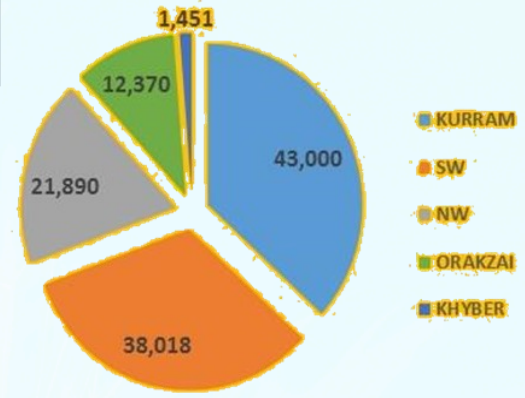
Individuals
Reached



Disinfecting Public Places

SRSP has stepped forward to support the cause through its own resources as well by providing support to various government institutes and communities to encounter the further spread of COVID-19 in rural areas.

The chlorination/disinfection spray was carried out across four merged district of KP that include; North Waziristan, South Waziristan, Orakzai, and Kurram while the chlorination materials handed over to the district administration Khyber to disinfect the public places in the district.



Approx. **116,729** individuals benefited from the activity which was carried out in 120 communal places.

WASH Support to Health Centers

SRSP in coordination with UNICEF and Health Department prioritized those health facilities for WASH response that had COVID-19 isolation wards. The support includes provision and maintenance of WASH services & facilities. Total **15 health centers/hospitals** identified for WASH interventions in 4 districts under the financial support of UNICEF.

The major achievements are given below;

- **28 handwashing stations** installed benefited **144,258 individuals**
- Access to clean latrines through minor repair and restoration of **116 latrines** in health units with isolated COVID-19 wards
- Distribution of **106 PPE kits** for janitorial staff in those health units
- Distribution of **365 liters** disinfection materials



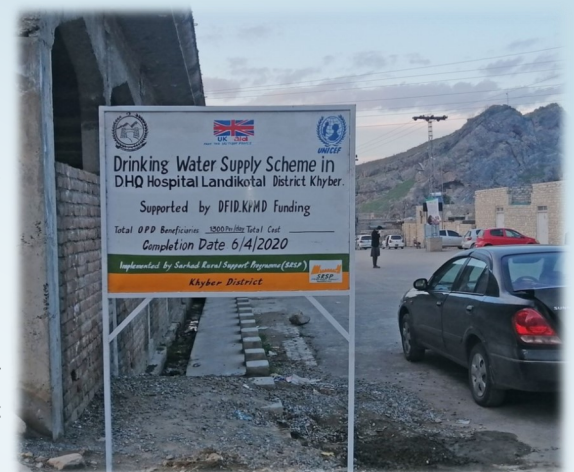
The Project has recently concluded by reaching over **244,424 Individuals** in four districts.

Supply of Water to Quarantine Centers—DHQ Landi Kotal Khyber

Collaborating the efforts in the fight against COVID-19, SRSP in partnership with UNICEF completed a Drinking Water Supply Scheme in DHQ Landi Kotal Hospital, District Khyber. The scheme fulfilled the basic need of water supply to the hospital, especially its Quarantine and COVID-19 isolated patients' wards. The scheme also provides easy access to clean drinking water to the washrooms that were useless due to lack of water. Under this project, 4,200 feet pipeline, 50,000 gallons storage tank and a 60,000 gallons overhead tank were rehabilitated. The project was completed on emergency basis in two months duration during the COVID-19 pandemic under SRSP-UNICEF 's regular PATs programme.

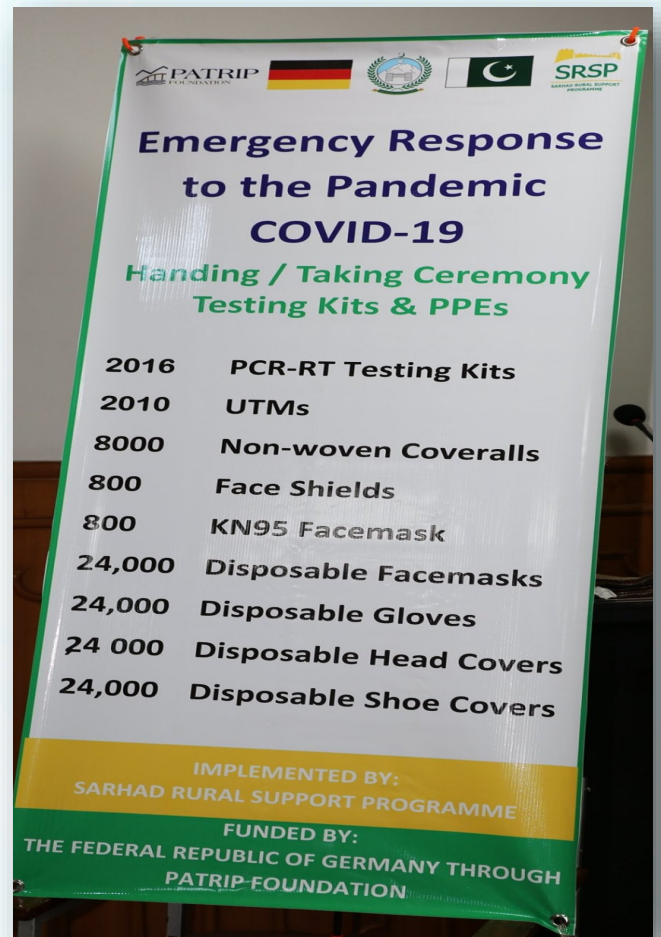
*The hospital is now able storing water which is being provided to entire hospital including average **1,300 daily OPD patients** and quarantine Wards for COVID-19 treatment.*

The total cost of the Scheme is 1.7 Million PKR.



Supporting Government of KP through PPEs for Paramedic Staff

Part of fund mobilization for overcoming the currently ongoing pandemic, SRSP has mobilized its existing donor partners to support in the fight against COVID-19. Since 2015, SRSP is in development partnership with the PATRIP Foundation working for the uplift of isolated and neglected communities living in the border regions of Chitral, Kurram and Bajaur. In response to COVID-19, SRSP and PATRIP Foundation has agreed to provide **PKR 13 million** for the provision of PPEs in various COVID-19 specified hospitals/HCFs. The intervention aims to provide support to the health sector in improving its COVID-19 testing capacity and the provision of necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for the Paramedics who are prone to the virus while serving the COVID-19 patients.



These items were handed over to the health department of KP through Health Minister KP in Peshawar whereas some items were handed over to Health department in district Chitral.

- ◆ 2,016 COVID-19 Testing Kits
- ◆ 2,010 Universal Transport Media (UTM) with swabs
- ◆ 800 Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) kits for 800 health staff



SRSP's Social Capital in the Fight against COVID-19

Developed under RSPs' three tier Social Mobilization Strategy, our Social Capital (LSOs, VOs, COs & VBs) has become active in responding to the outbreak of COVID-19 and to complement the efforts against the pandemic in KP including Merged Districts. These organizations are proving to be more effective and efficient because of their community-led expanded outreach, better knowledge of its area, livelihoods, local resources, communities and capacities to deliver services that are contextually appropriate and necessary.



Currently, **11,465 Community Institutions** formed by SRSP are actively engaged in COVID-19 response including **149 LSOs, 1,433 VOs, 9,821 COs, and 62 VBs**. These Community Institutions are voluntarily engaged in COVID-19 response and provide support to their communities through their own generated resources, while some also generate funds from private philanthropists etc.

The overall coverage of these Institutions includes **3,474 villages/hamlets, 479 UCs and 97 Tehsils in 30 Districts**. Currently there are total **4,765 CRPs** including **2,089 Male and 2,676 females** active throughout KP.

- **33,783 awareness messages** via Mobile, Loudspeakers, Verbal etc. shared by these Community Institutions that have reached to over **62,472 individuals** overall including 47,487 Male and 14,985 females.
- **12,225 COVID-19 awareness sessions** conducted at local level by directly engaging over 63,370 individuals
- **8,069 Food Packages** distributed
- **1 million PKR** cash disbursed
- **5,373 Soaps** distributed; **6,027 IEC materials** (Pamphlets, banners, posters, leaflets) distributed
- **6,334 Sanitizers & 23,068 Facemasks & Gloves** distributed.



Demonstration "Funeral Arrangements"

Since the progress under NCOC just going to kick off, community members in Kohat district have been engaged at this stage regarding initial preventive measures. A case study "Funeral Arrangements" was demonstrated on TV to highlight practical management of COVID-19 infected dead bodies in coordination with health department.

Our Social Capital supporting the Government (NCOC)

The National Command and Control Centre (NCOC) has been established to ensure effective coordination among the federal and provincial governments on control COVID-19. As a result of various meetings held between RSPN and NCOC Management, an MOU has been reached whereby both have agreed to collaborate with each other to fight against COVID-19. The purpose of the MOU is to extend community support to the concerned district administration to curb the rapid spread of COVID-19, effectively and efficiently.

SRSP is taking lead in KP Province linking its Social Capital with concerned District Administration including Mansehra, Abbottabad, Haripur, Mardan, Kohat, Charsadda and Swat.

Under this MOU a series of coordination meetings at district level have been taken place followed by training events on COVID-19 Trace, Test and Quarantine (TTQ) supporting the district administration.

PPEs Distribution - Donated by Private Philanthropists

SRSP has also engaged its contacts for the funds mobilization and In-kin support. In this regard, PPEs were donated from different private philanthropists through CEO RSPN for the paramedics staff fighting against COVID-19 in North Waziristan and South Waziristan Merged Districts.



The PPEs were handed over the Districts Administration in the presence of District Health departments which were later on distributed in Health Care Facilities (HCFs) on need basis with COVID-19 isolation wards.

The Brief details is reflected in below table;

Mask KN95 (Boxes)	Gloves (Pairs)	Suits	Face Shields	Mask Surgical (Boxes)	Head Cover	Shoe Cover	Gown Disposable
423	24	88	153	94	550	12	61

Total six Hospitals/HCFs were facilitated with the distribution of different packages of PPEs in six Tehsils such as two in North Waziristan and four in South Waziristan Merged Districts.



Emerging Needs

1. Communities needs to be mobilized on **Savings** at households level to survive and cope up such testing times like COVID-19 when all economic activities are closed. This will help them in their survival.
2. Revival of **Economic activities** in all sectors, small scale projects like Cash For Work will be an effective tool.
3. Projects on **Psychosocial support** and **Mental health**, people have been severely affected, not only physically but more like mentally.
4. **WASH sector** needs much more attention as part of preventive strategy to avoid such crisis in future.

Our Partners

