



COMMUNITY STORIES OF IMPACT

Theme: Right to work (MNREGA).

Year: 2020 | **Location:** Manvi , Sindhanur , Maski, Sirwar Taluka, Raichur District

[SI.No. 7] JMS helped 2000 daily wage agricultural labourers to get work under MNREGA scheme and supported to combat reverse migration in 50 villages, during COVID-19.

JMS Karyakarta in 4 taluka of Raichur District did intervention during COVID-19, and helped more than 2000 households and 200 reverse migrated Labourers to get access to work under MNREGA scheme.



JMS Introduction:

Jagrutha Mahila Sanghatan (JMS) is a Dalit Women's Collective that is owned and managed by Dalit women from 20 years in the district of Raichur and reaches out to 3000 households in four Talukas (Manvi, Sindhanur, Maski, Sirwar). JMS works with Dalit households, agricultural labourers and those who belongs to economically and socially backward community. JMS works to defend and protect the Human Rights of Dalit community in general with a special focus on Dalit women, who by and large are daily wage labourers. JMS intervenes in facilitating the rights and entitlements of the rural working class communities focusing on the right to food & nutrition, right to work, right to education, rights and dignity of Dalit women, right to health, civil rights of Dalit communities, and citizen rights in general. These interventions are done through various campaigns. During the period of lock down JMS karyakartha (leaders) reached the community through various possible ways using technology (Phone call, what's app voice messages etc.) as the transportation was completely shut in the state. The JMS leaders responded to the community needs during the lock down and the continuing pandemic .

CONTEXT:

When COVID -19 lockdown was imposed throughout the county in India, there was reverse migration in villages across the country. JMS helped the reverse migrated labourers and daily wage agricultural labourers in 50 villages to get access to work and wages on time and helped to manage livelihoods of more than 2000 households.

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JAGRUTHA MAHILA SANGATANE

ISSUE:

In four Taluk (Manvi, Maski, Sindhanur, Sirwar) of Raichur District, during COVID-19 lock down imposed in the country, there was reverse migration in the villages. The daily wage laborers from their hard earned money spent Rs.2000 to Rs.3000 for their transportation in order to reach their village. The family members in the houses increased because of reverse migration and was difficulty to manage livelihood without work. JMS observed this situation closely in 50 villages and explained issue to the CEO, Raichur and other Panchayat authorities through several telephonic calls and email communications.



JMS INTERVENTION:

JMS immediately ensuring preventive measures conducted meetings with laborers and did interventions in all villages by putting pressure on authorities and made access to work under MNREGA scheme in all 50 villages, for reverse migrants JMS helped them to get immediate Job cards and made access to work. and followed up with District and Taluk level officers, to get access to right wages for all daily wage agricultural laborers during COVID-19 distress.

Impact:

Due to the timely intervention JMS, more than 2000 households in 50 villages got access to work and all agricultural laborers received right wages. This news was reported in National Media TOI.



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All-Dalit woman collective helps those affected by Covid-19 crisis get jobs

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RAICHUR: That the Covid-19 crisis has rained hardship even on those dwelling in places far from the breath of the pandemic is an accepted fact, and yet the efforts of those who have gone beyond the call of duty to ease the suffering of the people, the livelihood of whom has been rendered uncertain by the lockdown, have not been sufficiently highlighted. The all-Dalit woman collective Jagrutha Mahila Sanghatana (JMS) is one such organisation that has helped the underprivileged put food on the plates of their family members in these distressing times.

Spearheaded by Narasamma and Chinnamma, the organisation TEMPhas helped more TEMPhan 2,000 households spread across 50 remote villages in Raichur district make ends meet. Working out of a small hut-like structure in Manvi village that serves as their office, the two women spend most of the day dialling various panchayat development officers (PDOs) seeking jobs for the impoverished families under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).

Starting from getting those approaching them for help getting job cards to ensuring timely payment of wages, members of the sanghatana are handling all processes end-to-end. Leelavati Janekal, one of those who TEMPhas benefitted from the timely aid of the organisation, said, "Teh government offers us rice and tur dal, but where are we to go for other essential items? But for the sanghatana, many of us would have faced a very uncertain future."

Narasamma, a core committee member of the outfit, said, "In the past year, we helped around 1,000 families get the necessary cards and documents. We helped 1,000 more households during the lockdown. Our efforts helped members in families of around 150 migrant workers from neighbouring states get work."

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