

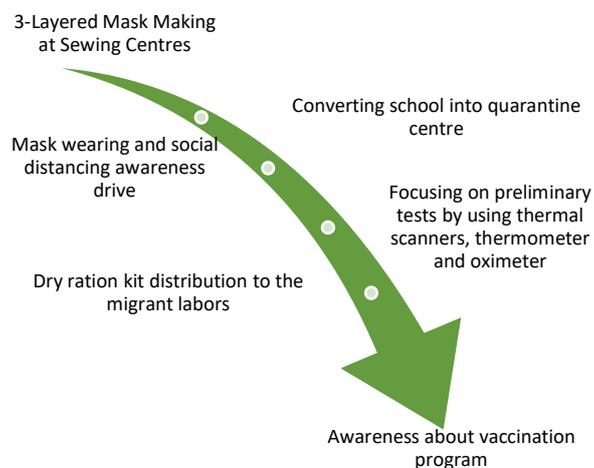
COVID Proposal and meeting Minutes - Asha Central/Asha Rajatalab

Date	05/07/2021
Time	1730-1830 (IST)
Attendees	Nandlal Master, Vallabhacharya Pandey, Padmanava Sen, Panchmukhi Singh, Kshitij Srivastava

Key Things Discussed:

Asha Rajatalab is planning COVID-19 second wave relief camp, just as they did it last year, however, adopting some of the important measures that need to be adopted to tackle this second wave. The team has planned to cover two blocks (Sevapuri and Araji Lines), encompassing 10 districts. The team will be aided by local Sarpanch as well as doctors, both from government and private hospitals. One outside Varanasi is also aiding the volunteers regarding COVID-19 dealings via online session. All the doctors are MBBS graduates. Also, there are some local clinics (although doctors there are not that qualified) but are also helping these volunteers and locals during this crisis apart from the qualified doctors.

Here are some plans being chalked out by the volunteers:



1. Three-layered cloth mask making

With the opening of 12 sewing centres since pandemic began, single layered masks were made and distributed at local level. However, with second wave and as per WHO recommendation on type of mask people should wear in common public place, it was discussed that three layered masks need to be made. These three layers consist of pure cotton fabric (inner layer), non-woven polypropylene fabric (middle layer) and polyester fabric (outside layer). These three different fabrics have been included in the budget.

Additionally, N95 masks are also part of the budget for emergency purpose, for instance, people contracting COVID-19 as well as for others who are nearby COVID-19 patients self-isolating at home.

2. Converting school into quarantine facility

Asha Rajatalab sent the letter to request officials such as CMO UP, district collector and local MLA to convert school into quarantine facility. There are some concerns if volunteers take the responsibility of the quarantine centre, then it would be really risky for them since there might be some situation when a COVID patient might land into severe cases. Therefore, it was requested if the government can take over and volunteers can aid under such circumstances. Reusable PPE kits are also included for the volunteers in case, if they need to take the COVID patient of high severity case to the hospitals as well as in the quarantine centres.

3. Safety Measures, Mask wearing and social distancing awareness drive

Since lot of people don't actually wear mask and are not able to maintain social distance especially in the current situation, the volunteers will be providing preventive measures to tackle the second wave. This will be done by making spots in front of the ration shops, each at an interval of, 1.5 metre (5 ft) distance. Another way is to show by simple posters, pamphlets and board signs to make the locals aware of practicing mask wearing and social distancing.

4. Focusing on preliminary tests by using thermal scanners, thermometer and oximeter

While there are not enough testing centres, the volunteers have agreed to do preliminary COVID test by using thermometer, thermal scanners and oximeter with safety protocols by wearing PPE kits. Also, these could be reported to the local clinics and the virus trace can be kept in order to stop its spreading beyond the border these 10 districts. Additionally, Nandlal ji also planned for a helpline number in case of emergency through which volunteers will be taking up the call and responding to that effectively.

5. Dry ration kit distribution to migrant workers

Due to surge in second wave, the state government is now imposing lockdown and as a result, migrant workers are now walking towards their home via highways. Nandlal ji and his team will be providing dry ration kit which includes raw vegetable, spices and other ingredients to help the labours to suffice on long term basis within this two-month period.

6. Vaccination awareness drive

As important are the mask wearing and social distancing protocols, so is the vaccination. Locals are still agonizing of taking vaccine as they feel that might have some side effects in their body. However, volunteers and local doctors will be helping the locals to make them aware of vaccine doses and how the vaccine would effectively in layman language. An example could be India's successful elimination of polio in 2011 which could be retold to these locals to mitigate the impact of coronavirus. Posters and pamphlets are other examples that could help them make them aware of taking vaccines.

Note:

- FCRA issues: Vallabhai ji has already sent a letter to Niti Aayog (New Delhi) about the FCRA update as Asha Rajatalab has bank account is quite old (opened in 1996) and FCRA has still not been approved yet. Expecting letter reply by end of the May.
- While the plan is quite big, the budget is still high. Therefore, part of medical fund would be provided by Asha Central (₹ 3.8 lakhs) while remaining Asha chapters could fund the

remaining part of the project (which comes under the food type). Potential chapters are Asha Austin and Asha Purdue, while the external can also be funded by AID organization.

Updated Budget below:

COVID Health Budget stewarded by Kshitij and to be presented to Asha for Education Purdue for central COVID funds (3.8Lakh limit)

S.No.	Items	Expected requirements	Expected Unit Cost	Net Expected Cost	Type	Note
1	Sanitizer (100 mL bottle)	200	50	10000	Health	
2	Bulk/spray sanitizer (500 mL)	100	200	20000	Health	
3	Sanitizer Refill	15	800	12000	Health	
4	Sanitizer Machine	2	5000	10000	Health	
5	Pure Cotton Fabric	5	1000	5000	Health	5 metre, ₹ 1000/metre
6	Non-woven polypropylene fabric	5	90	450	Health	5 metre, ₹ 90/metre
7	100% Polyester	5	112	560	Health	5 metre, ₹ 112/metre
8	PPE Kits	30	500	15000	Health	
9	Gloves	10	250	2500	Health	1 piece per centre
10	Oximeter	10	500	5000	Health	1 piece per centre
11	Medicine Kit	400	500	200000	Health	
12	Thermometer	10	250	2500	Health	
13	Thermal Scanner	10	1500	15000	Health	Mercury one
14	N95 Mask	300	125	37500	Health	
15	Print	5000	1	5000	Health	
16	Sign board	10	500	5000	Health	
17	Travel	60	500	30000	Health	60 days and petrol rate which is ₹ 500/day for emergency purpose
			Sub Total	375510		

Budget for Asha for Education Austin Chapter (from Chapter funds)

S.No.	Items	Expected requirements	Expected Unit Cost	Net Expected Cost	Type	Note
1	Dry Ration Kit	1000	700	700000	Food	Coupon based after identifying specific families
2	Food for volunteers	60	500	30000	Food	60 days food service for the volunteers

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