



Covid-19 Emergency Response - OCSD

Progress Update as of 30th April, 2020

On the basis of sizeable past working experience on different health, education, emergency relief and livelihood opportunities, especially for refugees and host communities in Balochistan, OCSD has been taking small evidence based research initiatives to understand the causes of, and propose solutions. In response to growing COVID-19 emergency there has been great shortage of health preventives for general public and particularly in government health facilities, whereas the hoarding agents took advantage resulting high prices and shortage of PPE and other health preventive items. Similarly, due to lockdown there has been great difficulties of livelihood for daily wagers/laborers and other poor communities who run their families on daily income. Questions rises for availability of the required preventives, livelihood opportunities as well ration/food in situation where there is inter provincial/districts lockdown.

OCSD has learning and achievements in provision of vocational skills training to different communities with the financial support from donors in different districts of Balochistan Province and trained many male and females on different skills including Tailoring. **Therefore, OCSD to increase the market capacity of town established local manufacturing unit and mobilized its trained human resource ensuring there availability for contributing to Covid-19 emergency by manufacturing locally different types of Face Masks, Tyvek Suits, Hand Sanitizer, Washable Gowns, Face Shields and Disinfectant Solution.** This initiative of OCSD has not only created/ provided livelihood opportunities to the poor but also ensured the availability Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other health preventive items for the healthcare providers in government/ private health facilities and general public.

Coordination:

OCSD has been in close coordination with the concerned government line departments and other relevant stakeholders for timely emergency response, ensuring minimum quality standards and that all activities responding to Covid-19 emergency are in line with the SOPs of government.

- Director General Health Services Balochistan, Quetta
- WHO
- Districts Administration
- Health Education Cell DG Health Services Office Balochistan, Quetta
- Provincial Coordinator, EPI Provincial Headquarter Balochistan, Quetta

Memorandum of Understanding:

- OCSD has formally signed MoU with the Director General Health Services, Health Department Govt. of Balochistan, on April 15, 2020 to further continue its services responding to **COVID-19**.
- MOU with EPI Provincial Headquarters Balochistan Quetta in progress and expected to be signed in first week of May, 2020.

Awareness Raising:

- 139 Bank ATMs at different locations of Quetta City covered by OCSD teams pasting awareness banners as protective measures while using ATMs provided by UNICEF, Quetta office.
- OCSD teams distributed 3000 IEC material /awareness posters as provided by the Health Education Cell DG health office/UNICEF Quetta to departmental stores and other shop keepers at different areas of Quetta.

Officials visit to Local Manufacturing Unit of OCSD:

WHO and FBR Representatives visited local manufacturing unit of OCSD established specially to respond Covid-19 in Quetta on Thursday 23rd April, 2020 followed by a meeting. OCSD has been pleased to thank for their valuable inputs OCSD to further ensure quality standards as per minimum WHO standards as well Infection, Prevention and Control (IPC) of skilled volunteers of OCSD during the manufacturing process of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).

Distribution of Personal Protective Equipment PPE:

OCSD and ODY jointly contributed to support the healthcare providers working as frontline troopers at Fatima Jinnah and Civil Hospital Quetta through provision of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other preventive/ disinfectants on 27-04-2020 locally manufactured at OCSD manufacturing unit. The following were provided;

- Tyvek Suits	250 (pcs)	- Hand Sanitizer	500 (bottles)
- Gowns (washable)	300 (pcs)	- Disinfectant Solution	100 (litres)
- Surgical Face Masks	550 (pcs)	- Face Shields	50 (pcs)

Pictorial View:

Distribution of PPE jointly by OCSD & ODY at Fatima Jinnah and Civil Hospital, Quetta



OCSD's Local Manufacturing Unit visited by WHO & FBR Reps.



MoU signed between OCSD and DG Health Services Balochistan, Quetta



Awareness Raising through banners/ posters at Bank ATMs in Quetta

