



Our COVID-19 relief efforts are still ongoing across India, Nepal and Bangladesh as the virus continues to spread. Adding to the challenges already faced by the vulnerable families we work with, our project areas in Nepal and Bangladesh have been hit by landslides and flooding, which has destroyed homes and devastated livelihoods.

Alongside emergency relief, our partners have also maintained the availability of telephone support and remote counselling services to all 8,516 carers that we currently work with.

Work has started to recover and restart carers' much-needed livelihood activities, and our Community Caring Centres have been slowly re-opening at a reduced capacity with social distancing in place to provide alternative options for care.

This work would not have been possible without the generous support of our donors and the continued lobbying efforts of our partners and Carers Associations to influence local government to include carers in relief efforts.

## This is how our partners have supported carers and their families over the last three months:

### INDIA

- ◆ Continued awareness raising on reducing the spread of COVID-19 and safe handwashing practices in over 1600 villages
- ◆ Emergency food distributed to 1057 carers and their families
- ◆ Emergency cash transfers paid to 176 carers living in extreme poverty
- ◆ Essential healthcare and medicines provided to 307 individuals
- ◆ Lobbied with local government officials to ensure continued access to pensions and other benefits

### KIT 4 CARERS

Through our partnership with Kit4Carers in Karnataka, India:

- ◆ 5321 masks (made by carers and women with disabilities)
- ◆ 3136 bottles of sanitiser and 432 bottles of soap
- ◆ 1300 protective gloves

distributed to frontline workers to enable them to work safely with over 260,000 community members.



### BANGLADESH

- ◆ Telemedicine support provided to 164 carers
- ◆ 502 families received another round of food packages feeding a total of 2,286 people

### NEPAL

- ◆ Online health and therapy support provided to 163 children with cerebral palsy and their carers
- ◆ One minute COVID-19 awareness messages broadcast twice daily on local radio stations reached 15,000 listeners
- ◆ Videos on effective handwashing and awareness and prevention messages distributed via YouTube, WhatsApp, Viber and Facebook reached 12,900 carers and community members living in remote hilly regions
- ◆ Two rounds of emergency food relief and vital supplies for provided to 305 carers and their families
- ◆ Sanitation packages distributed to 500 families
- ◆ 37 carer representatives and community volunteers trained to provide mental health 'first aid'

**We are committed to ensuring that carers and their families continue to receive the emergency support they need during the ongoing pandemic. To support our efforts please donate [here](#).**