



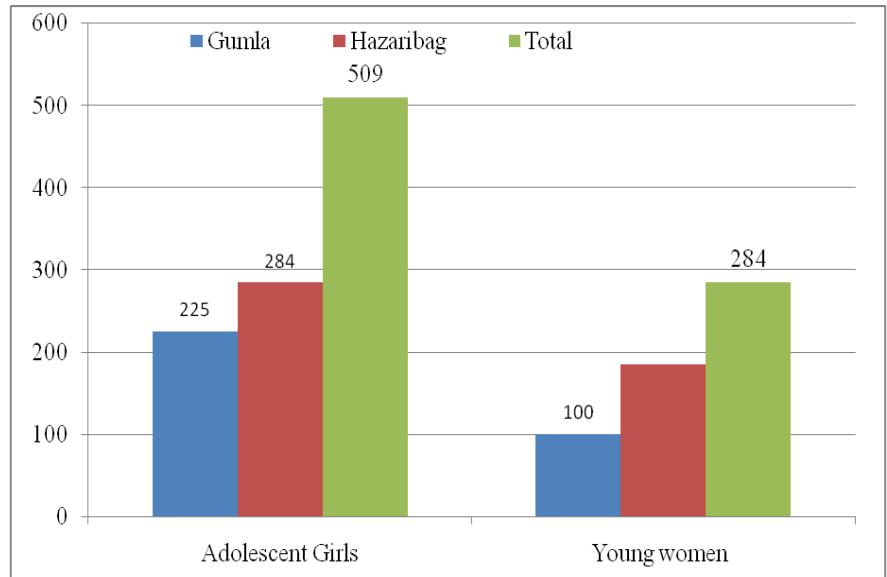
NEWSLETTER (2nd Phase)

Srijan Foundation's response towards Covid-19 Pandemic through Child Marriage Prevention Program (GFF)

SRIJAN's REACH & RESPONSE

In the second phase, we continued our relief support to our Adolescent Girls and Young Women in our 20 intervention villages, under the Child marriage Prevention Program (Girls First Fund Project), encompassing 1 Block under Gumla district & 1 Block under Hazaribag district.

A total of 793 Adolescent Girls and Young Women were directly benefitted.



During the second phase a safety hygiene kit consisting of 4 IEC materials on covid prevention, 1 packet sanitary napkin, 2 pieces lifebuoy soaps, 2 pieces clothes washing soap, 1 packet toothpaste, 1 antiseptic cream and 1 face masks were distributed to 793 Adolescent Girls and Young Women in 20 villages.

With the support of the frontline workers such as Sevika, Sahiya, and our peer leaders distributed the safety and hygiene kit. The Peer leaders played a vital role in informing, mobilising and maintain 1.5 metre distance during distribution process. The Peer leaders even took sessions on Covid Prevention and shared their experiences during the Covid-19 pandemic and various ways to keep oneself engaged.

Some of the activities undertaken in response to were as follows:

1. Distribution of safety hygiene kit to 793 Adolescent girls and young women with support from sevika and adolescent peer leaders.
2. Creating awareness on COVID-19 such as 20 seconds hand washing, covering mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze, social distancing, informing concerned personnel in case of fever, cold etc. and different government schemes for the COVID-19 relief.



3. Issues related to children. e.g how covid-19 pandemic has resulted in increase in violence against children such as child marriage, trafficking, child labour etc. Methods such as quiz and true & false were organised for the same.

The girls were also informed to keep an open eye for outsider and try to know his whereabouts as they could be possible traffickers. also discuss among themselves. Also the peer leaders were asked to key an open eye for vulnerable adolescent girls who were at the risk of getting married. They were asked to inform the concerned local authority and our community mobilizers in case of such incidents.

As a result, two cases of child marriage (where both the bride and the groom were underage) were discussed, highlighted, shared by the Palkot girls. Both the marriages were successfully prevented and the girls on regular basis follows up the same.

4. During the distribution process the peer leaders and group members also shared the given opportunities to share their experiences on coping up with the pandemic crisis and also motivate others to do the same. E.g. Kajal talked about how she the pandemic have helped her develop communication particularly with her father, Lukmani on how she was helping the children of her village through free tuitions etc.

