

# CERP

COLLABORATIVE EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROGRAMME

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## CERP in Focus

Dear friends and volunteers of CERP

Today marks 2 months of CERP completion in India and since then we have grown towards reaching 6 cities! Our newest addition has been the city of Kolkata which is constantly challenged with vast poverty, lack of medical care and support and of course the constant fear of the spread of the virus.

The last few weeks we have seen a steady decline in the number of cases however, we are constantly being informed of the 4th wave hitting India soon enough.

People are getting fed up of being indoors and the government and cities are witnessing what is being called 'revenge tourism'. Despite the need for care in this times, sanity is equally important and people are just not able to deal with this intense period since 2020 which has disrupted lives, families and homes in so many ways. From deaths and losses, to emotional stress and breakdowns, there have been far too much mental and emotional stress on people.

A friend recently mentioned—I have come to a stage where I rather get infected with the virus instead of being locked in because I cant take it any more!

Its true that as humans we are unable to stay indoors and remain in this most uncertain situation and we want our normal lives again.

CERP has been working hard towards training its teams in Bangalore, Pune and Kolkata through zoom trainings. We are blessed with wonderful volunteers and part time staff who are giving their best. Each one realizes the value of their inputs and the work they are putting in.

We also get other forms of request from people—people needing blood for transfusion, plasma, medical costs for other non covid related illnesses and of course the direct impact of losing work and thereby the inability to meet medical costs for their family members.

The rippling effect of covid is visible—if its not the virus, it's the impact of the virus on the economy, on jobs, and on stability.

Its not going to be easy for many to get back to normal life but we all have to do the best we can; CERP has kept aside resources to support such families in urgent need too—impacted by covid in a different way, they too are victims of the virus; albeit not by the infection itself, but by its cascading effect on livelihood.

*Jim De*



Concentrators received at CERP Kolkata with our Coordinator Amrita Goswami

## Volunteers In focus



Naaz, a Patient Coordinator of CERP.

Finding yourself in a situation where everyone is calling you and asking for help related to bed availability in hospitals, medical assistance, specific medicine, medical instruments, and oxygen cylinders/concentrators. Sounds scary, where you do not have any info but feel proud when you know that you can help them for each of this. CERP gave me this confidence where I could say a Covid patient that "Don't worry, I am with you, and I'll arrange it for you" this is what one was waiting to hear from you and feel relaxed that they are not alone. I would proudly say that I am



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working for and I'm feeling proud and happy to be part of this programme. I got to learn many other things through my part of work. As a Resource database assistant volunteer, I'm having an amazing experience and would love to work for CERP in future also.



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## A story in focus



My name is Niranjana Kumar, I live in Gaurichak village at Patna. Our village is remote, and the health facilities are extremely far from our place. 1 week ago, I was tested covid posi-

tive, I became nervous after receiving the report. I had symptoms of covid, slightly my cough increased and one day at midnight breathing difficulties had started, my wife was very nervous to see my condition. She called Sanjeet Sir (CERP Mentor) immediately, within half an hour he arrived with oximeter and oxygen concentrator. My oxygen levels were low. He has given me oxygen support. I am doing fine now. I would like to thank Sanjeet Sir and all the team members for these kinds of initiatives. His timely help could save my life.

### NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

- We need one volunteer Doctor in each of our cities to assist with patient services
- Patients need home attendants but that's impossible to find during these covid times.
- We continue to receive requests to assist with medical aid and allied support as people are feeling the cascading effect of Covid 19 due to loss of job, economic crash, etc.

### CERP services update

Total Number of cases 69

Number of recoveries last week- 6

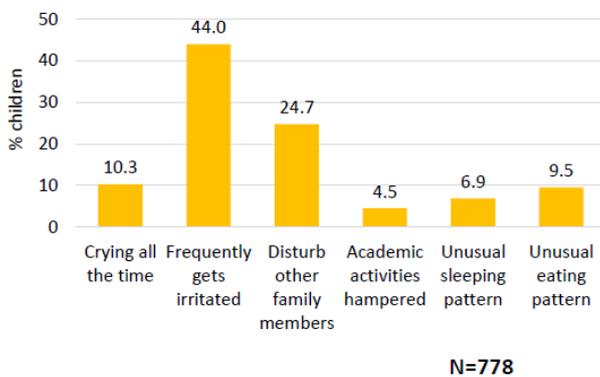
Number of Deaths: - 2

## Impact of Covid 19

### Nature of unusual behavior pattern



Children with unusual behavioural changes during lockdown in selected cities (principal behavior change)



44.0%

Children reported increased irritated behavior as they can not go outside to play

24.7%

Children disturb their parents and fights with their siblings

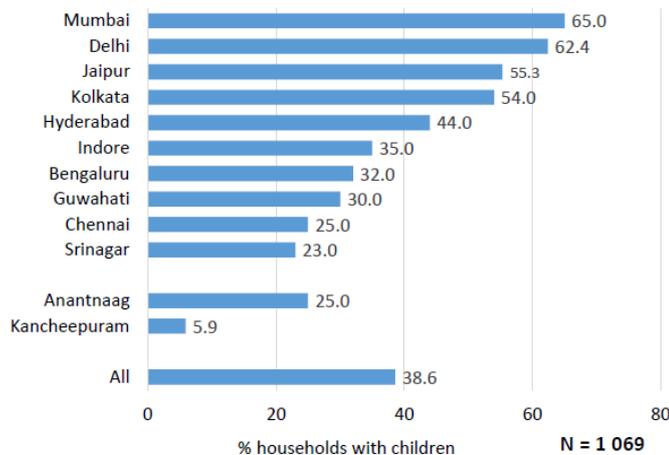
9.5%

Children reported unusual eating pattern. Mostly due to change in the diets after lockdown

Source: NIUA-WVI Primary Survey, April 24 – May 7, 2020

### Impact on Children

Children (in %) with unusual behavioural changes during lockdown



38.6%

of the children from the surveyed households reported unusual behaviour

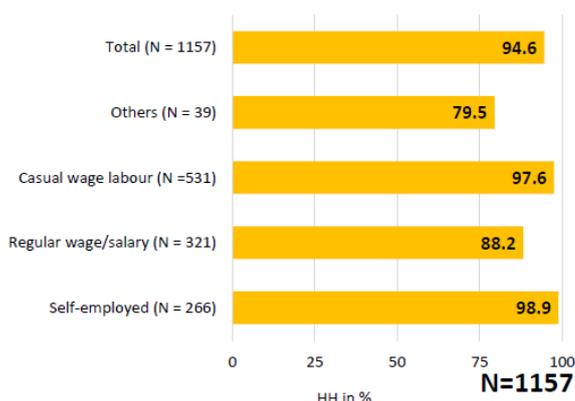
Big cities like **Mumbai, Delhi, Jaipur** and **Kolkata** reported higher share of children reporting unusual behaviour

Per-urban settlements like **Kancheepuram** and **Anantnag** reported lower share of children reporting unusual behaviour

Source: NIUA-WVI Primary Survey, April 24 – May 7, 2020

### Household type and impact on main source of income

Households (in %) whose principal source of income has been affected across household types



97.6%

of casual wage labour households reported income source has been affected

98.9%

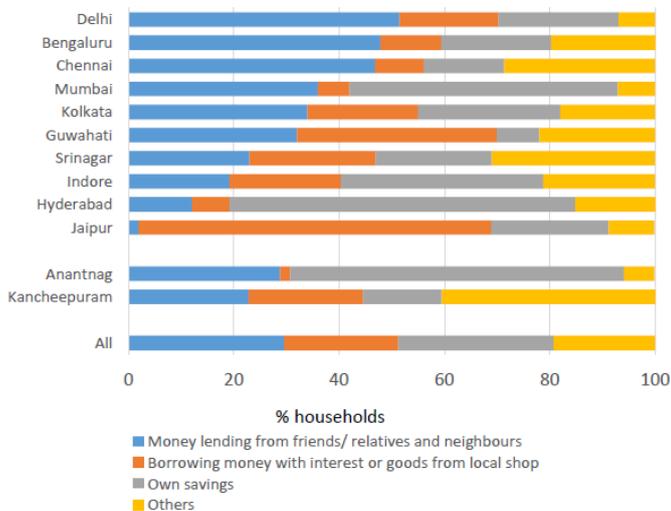
of self-employed households reported that their main source of income has been affected

Most hard hit: SE and CL

Source: NIUA-WVI Primary Survey, April 24 – May 7, 2020

# Impact of Covid 19

## Principal coping strategies across cities



Slum households in big cities like Delhi, Bengaluru, and Chennai are more dependent on neighbors and relatives

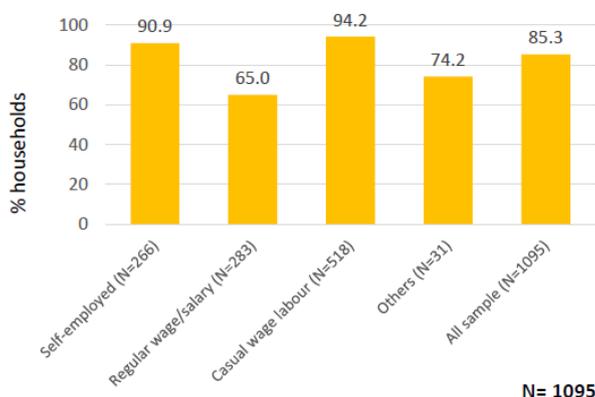
Slum households of Jaipur is heavily dependent on borrowing from money lender or local shops

Households in Kancheepuram and Srinagar heavily dependent on external aids

Source: NIUA-WVI Primary Survey, April 24 – May 7, 2020

## Loss of employment by economic activity

Households (in %) who has lost employment, by economic activity



94.2% of the casual wage labourer households lost employment

90.9% of the self-employed households lost their main source of income

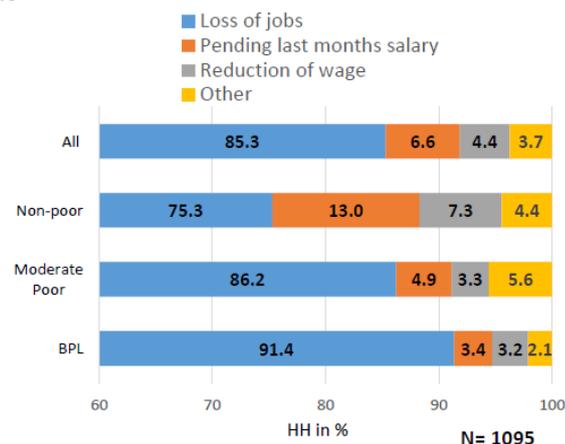
65% of regular salaried households lost employment

N = 1095

Source: NIUA-WVI Primary Survey, April 24 – May 7, 2020

## Nature of impact on employment

Distribution of households by nature of impact on principal source of income



85.3% of the total respondent households reported loss of employment

91.4% of the BPL households reported loss of employment

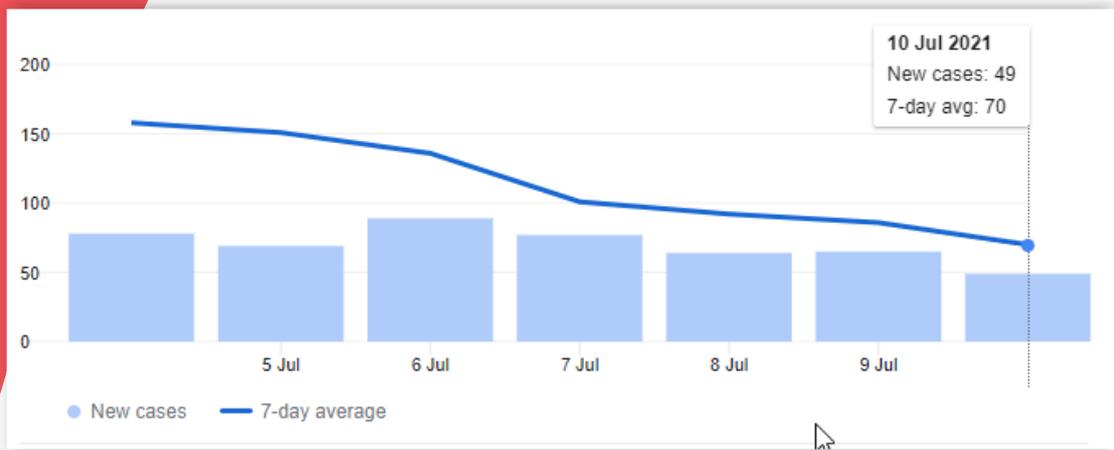
86.2% of the New Poor households reported loss of employment

75.3% of the non-poor households reported loss of employment

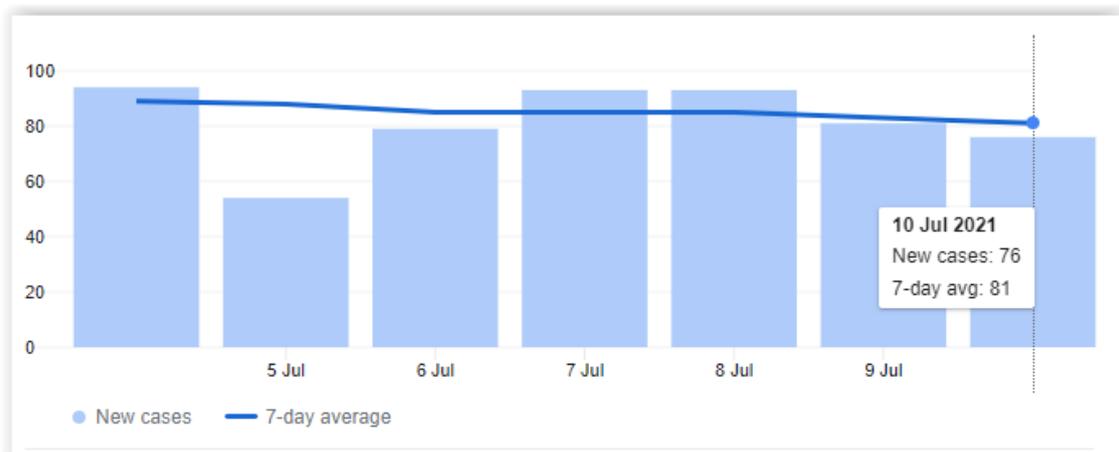
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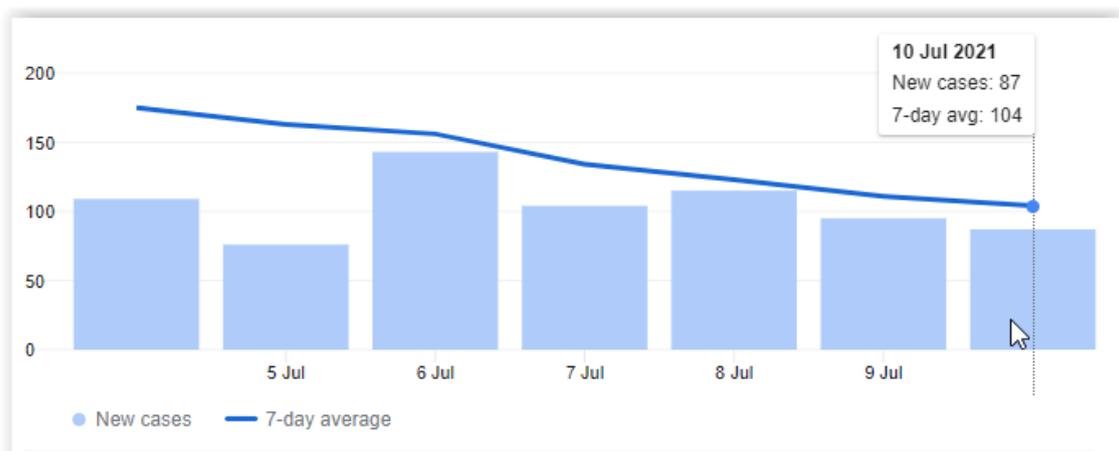
## Region wise information of Covid 19



### Uttarakhand

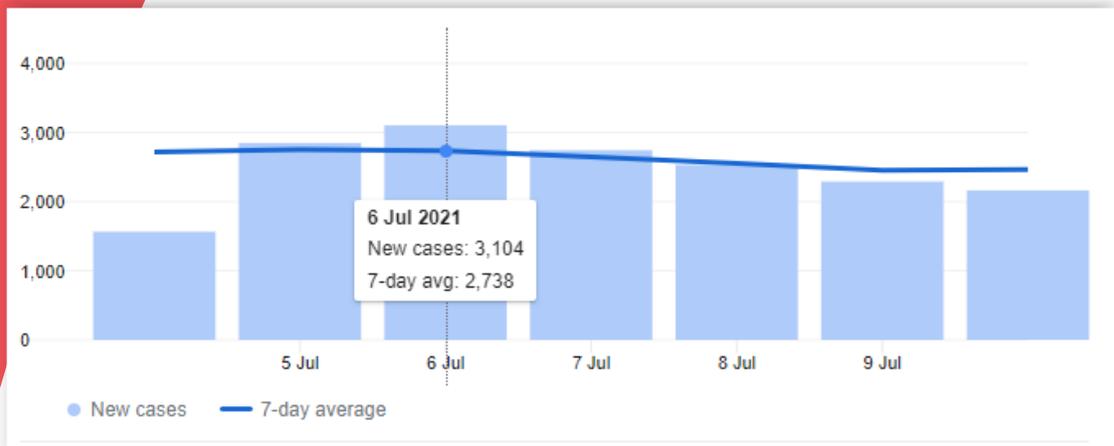


### Delhi

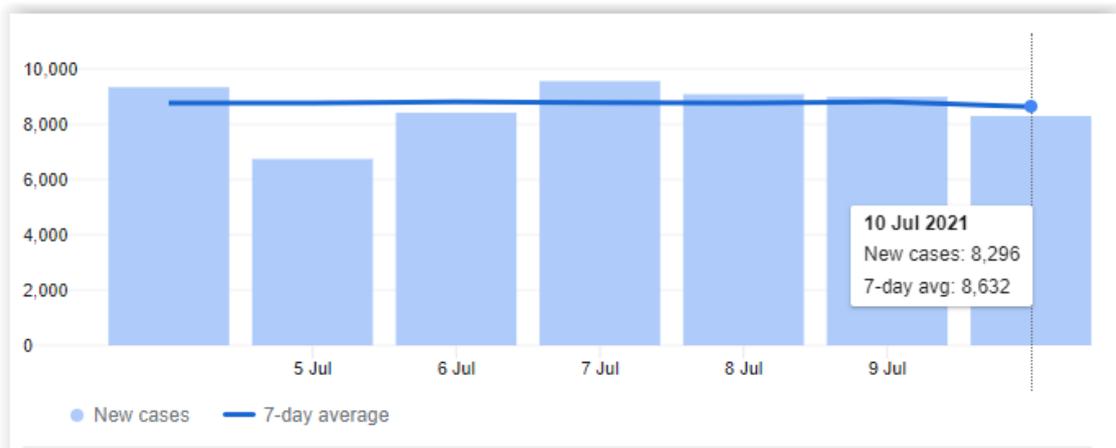


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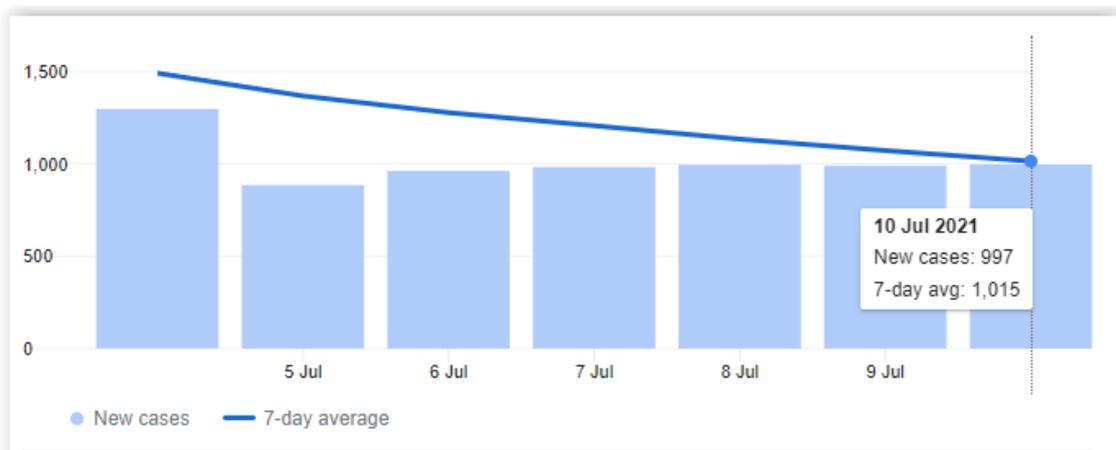
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### Karnataka



### Maharashtra



### West Bengal