

Seeding the Green Future: Covid-19 Pandemic Contingency Planning Meeting - Outcomes and Action Plan SGF (2020-2021) season- 2nd Circular

This in continuation to the 1st circular released on 25 March 2020 following our group call focusing on actions and mitigation measures required to avert foreseen effects of Covid-19 crisis on our project activities during upcoming season (2020-2021).

Covid-19 Crisis Status in India:

Considering current situation of Covid-19 in India. Earlier today, further extension of the nationwide lockdown till 3 May 2020 is announced and enforced. Our major focus states are worst hit by the Covid-19 and placed under top 5, especially Maharashtra with maximum number of positive cases in India and our city of operation 'Indore' with maximum active cases, and deaths in Madhya Pradesh. Similarly, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh are equally affected with more or less same number of cases in each of these states. Odisha is least affected, out of all regions with SGF presence in India. This new development is likely to hinder our planned efforts to overcome aftermaths of lockdown imposed earlier by the Government of India.

Follow-up Meeting Schedule:

Once again, to further deliberate on the challenges posed by extended lockdown on our project activities, a follow up meeting is scheduled on **21 April 2020 (Tuesday) at 03:00 PM (IST)** to review individual progress on 'Urgent Action Points' highlighted on 1st Circular (*mentioned below*). This meeting will also focus on considering alternate satellite methods to carry out large group meetings, one on one interactions/interviews with farmers and field staff. Furthermore, we will also explore the possibilities of conducting survey's/questionnaire online to gather information and for data collection.

This meeting shall be attended by the representative from implementing partners including ASA, CC, CSA, FFID-Chetna, PDKV, PSL and RVSKVV.

Urgent Actions Points: **Reminder !**

- Submission of Contingency plan by SGF partners by 6 April 2020
- List of new cultivars to be evaluated during upcoming season by 20 April 2020
- Quantity of seed available for old and new cultivars for CET by 20 April 2020
- Tentative list of on-farm baby and pilot trials for 2020-21 by 20 April 2020
- Financial reporting of SGF 2019-2020 Season by 27 April 2020

Senior management team is requested to ensure strong organization and mobilization of ground team to able them enough to respond professionally and timely to the points.

We appreciate your time and continued support. Thank you and keep safe.



(Project Leader)



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