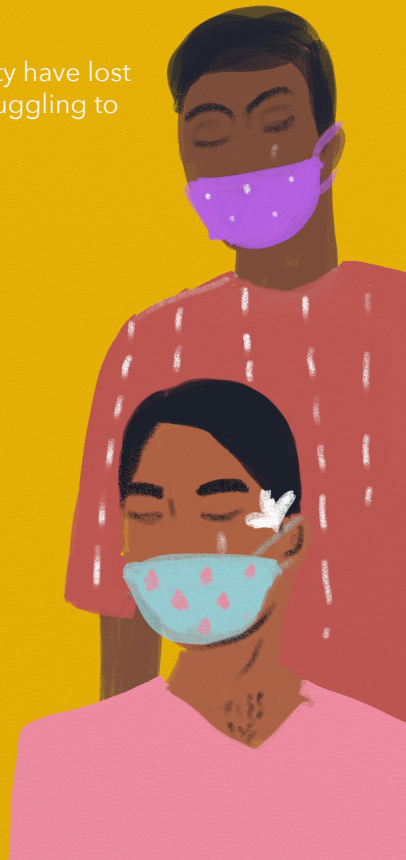


# THE SITUATION IN WEST BENGAL FOR TRANS PERSONS

**Thousands** of trans persons have been impacted by **COVID-19**. They are not able to earn, secure a livelihood for themselves and their families. At a time like this unemployment seems indefinite for the foreseeable future and trans sex workers especially are unable to earn at all.

To make things worse, in May, 2020 the Cyclone, Amphan made its way through the state wreaking havoc. The worst impact was felt in areas like the Sundarbans Mangrove forests and South 24 Parganas.

Several members of the trans community have lost their homes to this and are currently struggling to rebuild their former lives.



## WHAT WE ARE DOING

Ensuring the distribution of rations and essentials across West Bengal. Supporting other groups in remote districts to provide support to their local trans communities.

We are looking to work with approximately **1000** trans persons in West Bengal. So far since March we have provided support to approximately **350** persons across the state.





## MENTAL HEALTH AND PEER SUPPORT



During this time a lot of our community members are stuck with their blood families. Often families are the first site of violence and unable to escape this situation many have relapsed into depression and/or are facing abuse at home.

To help support them we have been providing online support via peers and in more difficult cases we are reaching out to professionals who are sensitive to trans issues.



# MEDICAL SUPPORT



We have been ensuring that trans persons with medical expenses are able to receive their medication either free of cost or subsidised.

In some cases we have been delivering medical supplies to them directly. We are working with at least 50 persons who have these requirements and among them several are elderly trans persons.

# SHELTER

This time is especially difficult for homeless trans persons. We have been relocating some to our shelter to ensure they are safe from the threat of COVID-19.

Several trans persons with very difficult domestic situations have also been giving shelter for these uncertain times.







## HELPING TRANS PERSONS WHO HAVE LOST THEIR HOMES DUE TO AMPHAN

We are trying to help trans persons by giving them tarpaulin sheets which villagers are using for shelter. We are also trying to distribute resources to their communities to ensure



## REPLANTING DESTROYED MANGROVES

Mangroves have been growing scarce in their habitat for years now. With their dwindling numbers Sundarbans and other areas beyond it, including the metropolitan city of Kolkata and its population of fourteen million persons are at the risk of becoming climate refugees.

Due to the Amphan disaster several of these already scarce mangroves have been destroyed by 24.55%

At such a time we as a community are coming forward to increase their numbers and to support trans communities living in these areas.

# SUPPORT US



To support us you can donate to the following links.

## **For Amphan Disaster:**

You can donate on this link:

<https://www.ourdemocracy.in/Campaign/Amphanrelief>

## **For COVID-19 Relief:**

You can donate on this link.

<https://tinyurl.com/WBTrans>

## **For direct donations**

You can donate to our PayPal at :

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