

# EFICOR'S RESPONSE TO HEATWAVE

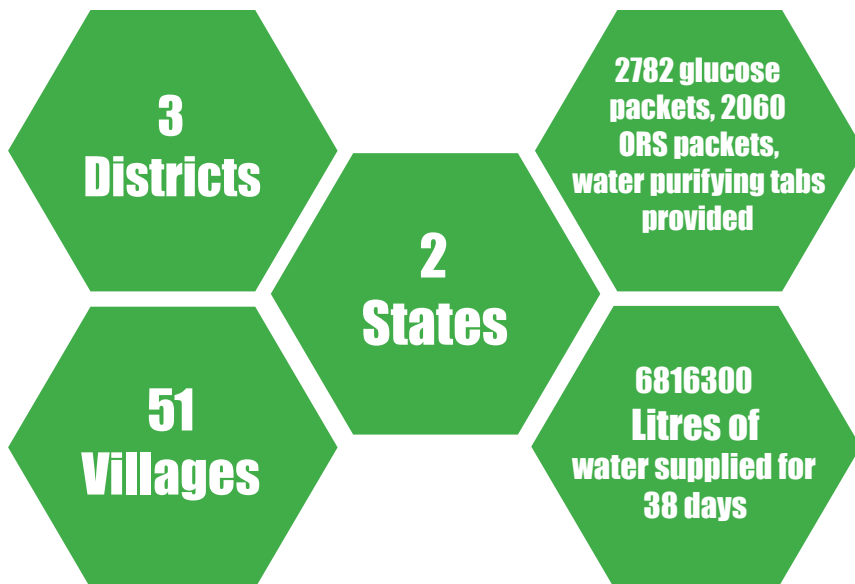
## EFICOR RESPONSE:

EFICOR is in the last leg of the Heatwave Relief in India across 3 project locations in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. As on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 3550 families have been provided with 80-100 litres of water (per family) at their doorstep. Around 21979 people have been benefitted from this relief intervention, which has in many ways been an oasis in the desert for families who were suffering from the lack of water due to the severe heat wave. The most vulnerable of the population like women, young children and the elderly have received water and are able to stay safe from the sweltering heat. Our teams continue to deliver the program in an accountable, transparent and effective manner.

## EFICOR'S HEAT WAVE RESPONSE REACH



EFICOR HEAT WAVE INTERVENTION AREAS



**STORY 1:**

Mr. Sohan is a resident of Kaliyakund village. He is 32 years old and staying with 4 members of his family including his 65 years old mother and two younger brothers.

Mr. Sohan has 75% disability, due to physical issue he did not get married. Kaliyakund village is in Rajasthan state, which is one of the hottest places in India. During this year's summer the family suffered much due to the heat wave. They did not have enough water which led to sickness in the family. Sohan suffered from severe dehydration and stomachache. He was feeling very weak as a result. It was during this time, that EFICOR came to his village with water tankers and provided sufficient water everyday for over a month which was a huge relief. Sohan also received ORS and glucose packets and attended the awareness sessions by EFICOR on how to protect oneself from the heat. Sohan is taking ORS and glucose regularly and is staying hydrated.

**STORY 2:**

Mr. Rajju Gound is 43 Years. He lives with his wife and 2 children. Both Mr. Rajju and his wife suffer from health issues. They live in the Tendukheda block of Damoh, which is a hot and dry area. Water scarcity is not new to the region but due to reduced rainfall last year and extreme heat this summer, the groundwater dipped considerably and water sources dried up. People had to walk for 3-5 kms to collect water for their families. Given their physical condition, it was a huge challenge for the Gound couple to get sufficient water and the daughter had to spend a significant portion of her day fetching water for her parents, which took up her study time.



It was during this difficult time that EFICOR started the heatwave relief work in 15 villages of Tendukheda block. As a result, Rajju and his family were able to get water sufficient for all 4 of them and also enough for their livestock. Now Mr. Rajju and his family members are very happy as they can now receive water at their doorstep. Now his daughter is also able to concentrate on studies as she has saved many hours that would otherwise be spent in fetching water.

**STORY 3:**

Mr. Madhau Singh and Mr. Biswajit Harpal are field implementers of the project and working in the project

location since 2017. Both have been involved in the heat wave relief and express their joy by saying “It was sad to see the suffering of the people due to the water scarcity. Many were falling sick as well. When we mentioned about the water provision by EFICOR, they were extremely pleased with the news and the relief when they received water at their doorstep was great”. The experience has been very good, but it did not come without its own challenges. “The need in the community was too big but we had limited resources and hence it was challenging to meet the expectations of the community. However, care was taken to consult the leaders and the community to find solution that will have maximum coverage with the limited resource we had”. There were logistical issues as well as tankers were not available, and the timings were not conducive for the community to come and collect it on time. The staff have navigated through these challenges as a team along with the input and participation of the community and have successfully implemented the relief.



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