

GOVERNMENT AIZAWL NORTH COLLEGE

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A: INTRODUCTION:

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1. Ramhlun North
2. Chaltlang
3. Chaltlang Lily Veng
4. Laipuitlang
5. Edenthar

B. METHODOLOGY:

To procure information and relevant details on the actions taken by the five localities in the fight against the spread of Coronavirus and how they cope with difficulties posed by National Lockdown, questionnaires were framed and executed by Research, Innovation & Extension Cell of the College by means of online survey and personal contact. The questionnaires were sent to each of the Local Task Forces. These questions are designed with prior knowledge of actions commonly undertaken by local task forces in Mizoram and the adjoining areas.

C.OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY:

1. To investigate the actions of the LTF in creating awareness among the people.
2. To study the steps taken by the LTF in coping the problems posted by the Covid-

19 pandemic in their respective locality.

3. To study the mentality of the people during lockdown.

4. To find out the socio-economic impact of the pandemic in the selected localities.

D. RESULTS OF THE STUDY:

The following sets of information are acquired from the study and they are summed up in the form of tables as and where applicable.

1. LOCALITY INDICATORS

Name of Locality	Population	AMC Ward No	Assembly Constituency	Distance from the College(Km)
Ramhlun North	7,268	III	Aizawl North II	0
Chaltlang	6,400	II	Aizawl North III	0.6
Chaltlang Lily	3493	II	Aizawl North III	1.2
Laipuitlang	2375	III	Aizawl North II	1.1
Edenthlar	4156	VI	Aizawl North III	3

2.ACTIVITIES OF LOCAL LEVEL TASK FORCE DURING LOCKDOWN

The study reveals that the activities of LLTF in creating awareness and in coping with the pandemic are recognizable. The following activities are commonly taken by all the local level task forces within their respective jurisdictions.

Forming of Local Task Force Committee.

1. Announcement of public information.
2. Controlling of people's movement.
3. Issuing of permits for people's movement in exceptional cases.
4. Enforcement of Home Quarantine.

5. Management of the supply of essential commodities.
6. Management of vegetable supply chain.
7. Support (in kind and cash) rendered to those in need.

3.STATISTICAL DATA: The following statistics have been obtained in connection with the activities as reported above.

	RAMHLUN NORTH	CHALTLANG	CHALTLANG LILY	LAIPUITLANG	EDENTHAR
1.Amt of local donations received	12,72,160	11,81,310	4,26,220	3,34,000	2,93,510
2.Amt received from outside	63,000	85,000	1,11,000	1,93,000	2,15,000
3.No. of families given free ration	181	486	696	34	445
4.No. of migrant workers assisted	3 (Rs.18,500)	2	NIL	NIL	NIL
5.No. of LLTF volunteers	90	36	25	34	45
6.No. of movement permits issued	5260	4200	2000	3570	2500
7.No of Home Quarantined persons	53	72	50	26	NIL
8.Amt of Veg Supply Expenditure	3,41,410	2,11,900	55,940	96,000	NA
9.Duty Hours of LTF	10 hours	16 hours	10 hours		24 hours
10.Whether social distancing/wearing masks insisted	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

4.AWARENESS LEVEL

All the LLTF disseminated the government guidelines to prevent the spread of Coronavirus amongst the people through public information system and social media. Their efforts seemed to yield good result as there has been no report of a case in these localities. As mentioned in the statistical representation, social distancing and wearing of masks were made compulsory which gained the support of the local people. Most of the people in the five localities seemed to be thoroughly aware of the crisis as well as the preventive measures.

5.EFFECTS

1. The national lockdown hit hard daily wagers and labourers of these localities. Due to economic shutdown many labourers could not work to earn their living. Hence, job disruptions and unemployment among the daily wagers are faced in all the localities. Many families were in difficulties and were given assistance by the LTF. These families will become more economically pitiable if the pandemic continues.
2. The lockdown has brought about scarcity in vegetable supply in the initial phase. However, in compliance with the guidelines laid down by the government the Local Task Forces manage the supply of essential commodities as well as vegetable supply. The pandemic seems to have brought awareness on food security.
3. The rate of crime such as theft, violence, substance abuse etc. has decreased to a considerable scale. Due to the imposition of restrictions during lockdown and also to the active vigilance work of the LTF in their respective area crime incident in the five localities is believed to have dropped.
4. The lockdown has brought about a feeling of fraternity. It seems to improve relationships. Individuals, Churches, NGOs and government agencies have come together and made huge donations toward relief fund in all the localities.
5. The lockdown gives opportunity to families to establish better relationships and build stronger bonds. Quality family time for work ridden members is a

positive impact of the lockdown.

6. There is no indication that the lockdown has adversely affected the general public health. Thanks to media many people even joined fitness program through local channel. The lockdown has rather made people more aware of the importance of maintaining health.

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