Introduction

After receiving a list of migrant workers from the Chhattisgarh Labour Department, we reached out to these workers who we stranded in Telangana due to the Covid-19 lockdown. These workers had flagged their grievances on the Chhattisgarh migrant helpline but no one had contacted them.

To understand their situation and provide the government of Telangana with some recommendations, a questionnaire was designed. The questionnaire was designed to be quick and capture actionable information so that relief (of the relevant kind) could reach them as soon as possible.

Methodology

The survey was deployed through:

- Volunteers
- For the whole population, not sample
- Logging of status of conversation
- Phone-based means
- Google Forms to record the information

[Here](#) is the link to the Google Form questionnaire.
Analysis

Preliminary analysis of the data reveals the following.

Origin and Stranded State

Majority of workers who have utilised the helpline are from Baloda Bazar district of Chhattisgarh.

Hyderabad and Rangareddy districts are primarily where they were stranded.
There were at least ___ workers who were stranded in Telangana, all of whom were from Chhattisgarh. Of these, ___% were children, ___% pregnant women, and ___% old people.
State Support

Despite having a proof of identity, over 50% of workers have not received any ration. Among those who did, around __% only received ration once.

80% of workers have not received any wages for the past 60 days from their employers.
Travel

Majority of the workers we spoke to registered on either the TS portal, CG portal, or both. More than 55% of workers even registered at the nearest police station.
Finances

Do you have any money for food?
91 responses

- 62.6% Yes
- 30.8% No
- Very less money for food...running out of money
- He disconnected the call and not answering again
- They reached home no money for food.
- Currently staying in quarantine in a sc...-
- Already reached village in Chhattisgarh
- Got 1000 rs for gas

Do you have any money for travel?
89 responses

- 61.8% Yes
- 32.6% No
- Do not want to go back
- He disconnected the call and not answering again
- No, money to travel
- Currently staying in quarantine in CG
- Savings

Significant percentage of the population does not have funds for travel or even food.
Travel Mechanism

How many People are still there in Hyderabad from your group?
83 responses

If you already reached home town, how did you reach?
81 responses

By Train
By Bus
By Truck / Lorry
By Foot
Through truck or lorry
Through Bus
Still in Hyderabad

How many people in your group left on foot (started walking to Chhattisgarh)?
80 responses
A very small percentage of people have travelled back to Chhattisgarh through state-sanctioned trains. The rest who have already travelled back have done so primarily by foot and truck.