COVID-19 is the most infectious disease that affects worldwide including Bangladesh and those of the working areas of Light House. The COVID-19 pandemic, however, is a crisis of a completely different magnitude and one that will require a response of unprecedented scale. Along with the rest of the world, Bangladesh took a range of measures to protect its population from the COVID-19 and its long-term socio-economic and humanitarian impacts. Light House took initiative for Covid-19 responsive services immediately it’s outbreaks in Bangladesh.

From the beginning of COVID-19 crisis, Light House was concerned about the safety and security of both community people and staffs. To address the COVID-19 situation, Light House has taken different steps, for example formation of COVID 19 COVIDT-19 emergency committee headed by Chief Executive and other 9 members including program, finance and administration section. Committee meets weekly basis. Light House developed work place guideline during COVID-19 crisis. Light House provides guidelines for front line workers to provide health services at the field level. All district level field office made active to continue minimum services, monitor relief distribution at the local level, assist DC/UNO/LEB/DSS to distribute relief and cash incentive. Following are the services and reached to the people who are vulnerable for infection-

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Direct Relief distribution:

During the COVID-19 crisis most vulnerable groups in Bangladesh who primarily rely on daily income sources, lose their income sources and are in need of basic food supply to coping with impact of lockdown implications. Light House mobilizes its staff’s one day salary contribution fund to provide relief distribution among 600 families from Jahurul Nagar and Sher-E Bangla Nagar of Bogura Municipality and Kazipara of KahalooUpazila of Bogura district. Besides, it has distributed food packages among 292 brothel sex workers of Jamalpur, Baniasanta and Doulatdia, 100 street sex worker of Narayanganj and 70 Tangail district. (Food Packages includes Relief included Rice, Flour Atta, Pulse, Potato, Cooking oil, Salt, etc as well as hygiene kits)

Relief ensured though networking and Communication:

The Government of Bangladesh has mobilized significant resources to support communities impacted. However, it is likely that a coordinated humanitarian response will be needed to supplement these efforts, especially to ensure that the most vulnerable groups receive targeted support. Light House Offices and service centers located in 29 districts took early initiatives to identifying risks for vulnerable communities and list down those to share with government authorities and NGO for ensure relief to most needed. Light House GF-MSM and Hijra project ensured food relief and cash incentive for 1620 Hijra and MSM, 1582 FSW, 2174 brothel sex workers from DC/UNO/LEB/DSS offices and NGO. Besides, 3090 jobless families were also linked with government relief at Rajshahi district.

Health Service provided:

Light House has been working in 29 districts to provide health services including Urban Primary Health Care Service Delivery Project- UPHCSDP-II in Rangpur. Most of the doctor has completed online training on COVID-19 and operate health services in their service centers. 4351 Families in Rangpur, Patuakhali, Faridpur, Jashore, Jamalpur, Tangail, Dhaka, Cox’s bazar gets maternal and child health services. Besides Light House provides need based health services to 1253 Hijra, 4265 FSW in 29 project districts by it project HCPs.
Counseling service provided: (Including mental health)
COVID-19 has created uncertainty, lockdown measure lead many to isolate from the love one, social distance and restriction pose lonely and impact create panic and fear among the community and beneficiaries. During the period, Light House’s trained counselors were active to listen their voices and provide them distance counseling and mental health and psycho-social supports among female sex workers, MSWs and Hijras. Light House team counseled 1253 Hijra and MSWs, 3175 FSWs and 4120 persons under different project. Light House trained MHPSS counselor were given psycho social and psycho logical care to 227 beneficiaries.

SRH and HTS done: (STI, RTI etc)
As per direction and guidance from National AIDS and STD program, Light House service centers from FSWs, MSWs and Hijra were open in 29 districts by maintaining social distance and hygiene practice. At the same time, it has provided services urban poor people in Rangpur City Corporation through its clinics. 2318 FSWs were given treatment for various diseases (STI, General Ailment, MCH, MR etc), 2786 FSWs were tested for HIV, 1253 Hijra and MSM were tested for HIV and 1312 STI and Generel health case treated with free medicine.

Fund Raising/contribution collection:
Considering the unprecedented impact on the communities around and the beneficiaries working with, takes initiatives to rise found to support those in need during the pandemic. Light House staffs contributed their one day salary for the Light House COVID-19 response fund. It raised BDT 240,000 from the staff’s contribution. Light House procured and distributed food and essentials to the most affected families of Bogura and Kahaloozpalia. Besides, Light House raised fund BDT-15,35,000 from donor to support MSM and Hija and 63,00,000 for advocacy and motoring COVID-19 pandemic in it working areas.

Awareness rising:
Considering the fact, WHO guide globally to keep social distance and advice test and isolate to control spread of virus. Light House has taken initiatives to develop and re-print leaflets and distributes those among the staffs, beneficiaries as well as among the community around. Besides, it has taken initiative of miking on the COVID-19 messages and how to maintain social distancing. To promote health and hygiene practice, Light House developed and printed colorful leaflet /poster on COVID-19. It has distributes 43000 pcs leaflets among the community people and beneficiaries. Our well trained staffs and volunteers are disseminating one to one awareness message regarding safety caution of COVID-19 among 21509 beneficiaries by maintaining proper social distance and other protective measures. Besides more than 19390 people were reached through 8 face book live program on Corona, Mental Health and Pregnancy and 3 online advocacy on corona and drugs.
**Doctors Helpline:**

Considering the prevailing situation and address the needs of the community, Light House has developed help line pool with its doctors and medical assistants. Medical team has already providing services. For wider coverage and helping community, Light House made this medical team help line public. This helpline pool is now available on face book. They are coming to live to answer questions of general people and project beneficiaries. After introducing helpline so far 981 calls were received and addressed their issues by the doctors.

**Online advocacy:**

Light House is one of the leading organizations who work for legal service promotion, ensure sex workers rights, drug abuse prevention, developed CBOs and take stand to the people’s sides in needs. During the corona pandemic most of the advocacy was stopped. Due to that Light House takes initiatives to conduct online advocacy initiatives wisely on social media platform. Light House conducted series of online advocacy on Drug Abuse issues and virtual press conference to address sex workers needs during COVID-19 pandemic. With efforts a total of 5835 peoples and stakeholders were reached.

**Bio-Safety and Protection:** (PPE including Hygiene kits-purchased and distributed)

Light House ensured PPE for the field staffs. The PPEs includes masks; hand rub; apron goggles, tissue role; liquid soap. Beside had washing facilities ensured at the entrance of all 68 drop-in-center/health facilities. So far Light House has distrusted 37934 pcs of PPE and Hygiene kits including Surgical mask, cloth mask, filter mask, Disposable gloves, Disposable head cap, Disposable gown, Hexisol (250 ml), Sodium hypochlorite solution (4 L), Kitchen towel, Liquid Soap 250 ml, Mackentose, Goggles, OT Cap, Utility gloves, Gumboot Shoe, Disposable Shoe cover, Detergent Powder and Infrared thermometer.

**Light House working areas**

**Light House has been working and implementing different projects in Dhaka city, Dhaka district, Narayanganj, Gazipur, Faridpur, Rajbari, Tangail, Mymenshingh, Jamalpur, Rangpur, Dinajpur, Kurigram, Bogura, Joypurhat, Naogaon, Sirajganj, Pabna, Natore, Rajshahi, Chapainawanganj, Barishal, Patuakhali, Bagherhat, Khulna, Satkhira, Jashore, Magura, Kushtia and Cox's Bazar district of Bangladesh.**

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