

**A DEPARTMENTAL PROJECT
FOR STUDYING
MEASURES TAKEN BY THE LOCALITIES / VILLAGES AND IMPACT OF COVID-19
DURING THE 1st & 2nd QUARTER OF 2020
FOR SELECTED VILLAGES AND COLLEGE ADOPTED VILLAGE**

Name of Villages :

1. Nausel Village (College Adopted Village)
2. Bawngkawn Village
3. Bawngkawn South Village
4. Durtlang Village
5. Durtlang Leitan Village

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GOVT. J. THANKIMA COLLEGE: DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS
SURVEY ON MEASURES TAKEN BY ADJOINING LOCALITIES AND ADOPTED
VILLAGE
AND IMPACT OF COVID-19
DURING NATIONAL LOCKDOWN
(1st & 2nd Quarter of 2020)

Introduction :

Govt. J. Thankima College is located at Bawngkawn Brigade area which is around 9 kms away from the heart of Aizawl City. For conducting survey, the college has selected four adjoining localities and adopted village. Namely,

- 1) Durtlang
- 2) Durtlang Leitan
- 3) Bawngkawn
- 4) Bawngkawn South
- 5) Nausel (Adopted village)

Objectives of the Study :

- 1) To study the awareness level in the localities about covid-19
- 2) To study how the localities was prepared against covid-19
- 3) To study the problems faced by the localities.

Methodology : The methodology adopted for getting information from the different localities was based on already framed sets of questions and was executed by the representatives of the college through inter-personal contact with each of the Local Level Task Force.

Measures taken by Village Level Task Force, Nausel Village
Against Covid-19
(College Adopted Village)

1. As notified by Govt. of Mizoram, Letter No.B.33011/21/2009-HFW(nCov)/Pt-II Dated 18/3/2020, the Village Level Local Task Force-Nausel Village was created on 20/3/2020, the following are the executive body of Village Level Task Force of Nausel Village:

Chairman	:	Chairman - Village Council
Vice-Chairman	:	President – YMA Branch Nausel
Member		
Secretary	:	Secretary – Village Council
Members	:	1) 2 each representatives from NGOs (YMA, MHIP, MUP)
		2) 2 each representatives from churches in Nausel Locality.

2. As the Prime Minister issued the Janata Curfew on a nationwide scale on 22nd March, 2020, for the period ranging from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. The VLTF has made an arrangement for strictly enforcing the Janata Curfew at the Local level.
3. The Village was kept under complete lockdown in the sense that no peoples were permitted to enter and exit from the village. If any unavoidable cases arise, permission were granted by issuing a letter from the Village Level Task Force. All the members of the community were informed to put mask while going outside and strictly maintained social distancing as suggested by norms.
4. The time of opening shops were restricted on specified time, i.e. Morning : 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and Afternoon : 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. All the customers were maintained social distancing in buying goods from the shops by tracing a circle spot on the road. All the shop owners were informed to maintain normal price and strictly informed not fixed abnormal price of their commodities due to hoarding.
5. Inflows of essential commodities form outside village were restricted and those who wanted to carry from outside shall sought prior permission from the Village Level Task Force.
6. All gathering in any forms are strictly prohibited at the community level.
7. Strangers stranded in the village shall have to remain in the village.
8. All houses in the village were sprayed by hydrochlorine solution.
9. House to house survey were conducted in order to know difficulties faced like shortages of essential commodities etc.
10. Members of village stranded in other states and abroad were informed to follow government instruction as notified from time to time.
11. If any problems faces by the households or arises within the community, the Village Level Local Task Force may resolved through executive meetings.
12. Funds/Donations in kind/cash received by the Village Level Task Force:
 1. MLA, Aizawl East I : Rice 10 Bags (50 kgs each) and Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand).
 2. Govt. J. ThankimaCollege : Rice 25 Bags (50 kgs each), Common Salt 70 kgs and other essential commodities.
 3. YMA Branch Nausel : Rs. 3000/-
 4. Presbyterian Church Nausel : Rs. 2000/-
 5. Mr. Ginminluna : Rice 1 bag (50 kgs)
 6. Mr. Nangkhankhupa : Sugar
 7. Mr. Doliankuala : Rice 2 bags (50 kgs each)
 8. Mr. Sanga, residence of Durtlang Leitan : Rs. 100/-
 9. Mrs. Niangzahoihi : Rice 4 bags, Alu 5 bags, Egg 1 box, Milk 1 cartoon.
 10. PuLalthazuala, residence of Chaltlang : Rs 500/-
 11. Mr. Biaka residence of Durtlang North : Rs. 200/-

SURVEY on Measures Adopted by Durtlang Village Against Covid-19

Date of Survey : 1st May 2020 (Friday)

Introduction: Durtlang Village is one of the Villages in Aizawl North II Assembly Constituency located in Aizawl District and is far from 5.1 kms from the heart of Aizawl City.

Name of Committee formed : Durtlang Local Level Task Force

- 1. Formation of Committee :** The Local Level Task Force was formed as per the notification issued by the Govt. of Mizoram on 19th March 2020. The following are the posts and responsibilities.

Chairman	:	Chairman, Local Council Durtlang
Vice-Chairman	:	President YMA Durtlang Branch
Secretary	:	Secretary, Durtlang Local Council
Members	:	1) 2 (Two) representatives from YMA 2) 1 (one) representatives from each church within Durtlang 3) 1 (one) representative from MHIP and MUP
Co-opted Members	:	All Office Bearers from various sections of Durtlang Branch YMA.

2. Steps taken :

- i) Stock of Essential Commodities : The Local Level Task did maintained stock of essential commodities like rice, dal, alu, edible oil etc only for the needy families. Around 70 families have been provided essential commodities three times so far. Before the formation of Local Level Task Force, the Young Mizo Association of Durtlang Branch formed a separate committee for the combat of covid-19 and its attributed problems, and pooled a fund to the tune of Rs. 3,000,00.00 (Three Lakhs).
- ii) Supply of essential commodities and Govt's Vegetable Supply chain: Around 40 p.c. of the families within the village has vegetable gardens near and around their residence. Due to this self production nature, the village did not face any shortages of vegetable supply. Besides, The Local Level Task Force has sought vegetable supply from the Government's vegetable supply chain.
- iii) Restriction of movement: During the Lockdown 1 and Lockdown 2, the Local Level Task force enforced complete lockdown within the community and was relaxed to partial lockdown during the lockdown 3. Information were disseminated to the public through Public Address system and other means of social electronic media.

- iv) Chain of Duty : Since the beginning of Lockdown, the Local Level Task Force has arranged duty routine at various places within the village for curbing illegal movements. Crime rate also reduced drastically. When people face inevitable circumstance due to health and other related problem, special permit / pass was issued.
- v) Quarantine at home: Around 12 peoples have been quarantined at home till date. Strict inquiry was done about the safety level of home with the medical personnel for maintaining home quarantine.
- vi) Maintaining of Social Distancing: Public Address system was used for disseminating the importance of social distancing to the general public. For maintaining social distancing, making mark of circles at an interval of 2 metres at the front of every shop.
- vii) If deceased occurred in the community, the task force have handled the deceased body as per the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) issued by the government.

Donations: The Local Level Task Force has received donations from the community to the tune of Rs. 3,91,487/-. Around Rs. 3.5/ lakhs worth of essential commodities and meals has been provided. Strangers stranded within community have been provided meals three times so far. 98 special Identity Cards have been issued to the Non-Mizo stranded in the community.

- 3. Actions for Environmental Concern:** While discharging duty within the community, the Local Level Task Force has organized three times social works of fire fighting.

SURVEY on Measures taken by Durtlang Leitan Local Level Task Force

Date of Survey : 30th April, 2020

- 1. Introduction :** Durtlang Leitan was one the communities of Aizawl North I Assembly Constituency. It was connected by National Highway No. 54 from Assam. It was located at the northern part of Hangi Lunglentlang Hill and stretch southward at the the length of 3kms from the NH54.
- 2. Formation of Local Level Task Force :** In pursuance of the State Govt.'s notification (Vide Letter No.C.18019/1/2020-AMC(E), regarding the creation of Local Level Task Force, , Durtlang Leitan Local Level Task Force was created on 20th March, 2020. The following are the different posts and responsibilities.

Chairman : Chairman, Durtlang Leitan Local Council
 Vice- Chairman : President, , Durtlang Leitan Branch Young Mizo Association

- Secretary : Secretary, , Durtlang Leitan Local Council
- Member : 1) All office bearers of , Durtlang Leitan Branch Young Mizo Association
2) 2 Members from , Durtlang Leitan Local Council
3) One representative from each church in , Durtlang Leitan locality.
4) One each representative from Mizoram Elder Association, Durtlang Leitan
5) One representative from MHIP, , Durtlang Leitan
- Co-opted Member : All Office Bearers of various section of YMA, , Durtlang Leitan.

3. Steps taken :

- i) **Stock of Essential Commodities & Assistance** : The Local Level Task did maintained stock of essential commodities like rice, dal, alu, edible oil etc only for the needy families. Around 260 families including Non-Mizo and outsiders stranded in the community have been provided essential commodities two times so far. The assistance provided has been given only in kind.
- ii) **Chain of Duty & Reduction of Crime Rate:** Since 23rd March, 2020, a chain of duty was arranged at various places. Volunteers from the members of Young Mizo Association with the Task Force Members have discharge 24 hrs chain of duty. Due to the constant vigilance and untiring effort, the crime rate has been reduced substantially.
- iii) **Maintaining of Home Quarantine:** Around 48 persons have been quarantined at their home so far. Before undertaking home quarantine, all the home quarantine facilities were inspected with the voluntary medical personnel. After the satisfaction regarding the safety of home quarantine facilities by the medical personnel, the home quarantine process were initiated.
- iv) **System of Home Deliver & Vegetable Supply Chain:** In order to maintain social distancing, the essential commodities were delivered at the door step by the Volunteers of Local Level Task Force. As the Govt. of Mizoram has initiated Vegetable Supply Chain, the Local Level Task Force has procured essential commodities which were not available at the community. Meanwhile, more than 40 p.c. of families in Durtlang Leitan community has vegetable garden near of their residence, this has greatly helped for reduction of demand in green vegetables.
- v) **Donation** : The Durtlang Leitan Local Level Task Force has received donations and assistance to the tune of Rs.5/- lakhs till date. Whereas, an assistance worth of RS. 4/- lakhs has been provided.

SURVEY on Measures taken by Bawngkawn Local Level Task Force against Covid-19

Date of Survey : 24th April, 2020

Formation of Local Level Task Force : In pursuance of the Govt.'s notification (Vide Letter No.C.18019/1/2020-AMC(E), regarding the creation of Local Level Task Force, Bawngkawn Local Level Task Force was created on 19th March, 2020. The following are the different posts and responsibilities.

Chairman	:	Chairman, Bawngkawn Local Council
Vice- Chairman	:	President, Bawngkawn Branch Young Mizo Association
Secretary	:	Secretary, Bawngkawn Local Council
Member	:	1) All office bearers of Bawngkawn Branch Young Mizo Association 2) 2 Members from Bawngkawn Local Council 3) One representative from each church in Bawngkawn locality. 4) One each representative from Mizoram Elder Association,
Bawngkawn		5) One representative from MHIP, Bawngkawn
Co-opted Member	:	All Office Bearers of various section of YMA, Bawngkawn.

Steps taken:

- 1. Stock of Essential commodities:** All the whole sale traders, retailers and petty traders in the community have been informed to maintain stock of essential commodities like rice, alu, dal, edible oil, and other goods. They were also informed to avoid unnecessary hiking of commodity prices due to hoarding.
The Task force has also maintained stock essential commodities.
- 2. Home Delivery System:** The Local Level Task Force has provided essential commodities to the families and needy people in form of Home Delivery at their door step at the price equal to the pre-covid market price. Home delivery system was adopted mainly in order to have social distance in the community.
- 3. Chain of Duty:** Since 23rd March, 2020, a chain of duty was arranged at various places and streets in the locality in the manner of 24 hrs duty chain. As the Aizawl North Police Station was located in the Bawngkawn locality, police personnel were also deployed to discharge duty.
Janata Curfew, 22nd March was strictly observed.

4. **Reduction of Crime Rate & Pollution:** As the 24 hrs duty performed by the Task Force with the Police Force, the numbers of crime committed in the Bawngkawn area was drastically reduced during the period. As the movement of vehicle was restricted, except goods carrying vehicles, the unwanted gases emitted from the vehicle were drastically reduced.
5. **Maintaining of Home Quarantine:** 25 persons have been home quarantined so far. Before undertaking home quarantine, all the home quarantine facilities were strictly inspected with the help of voluntary medical personnel.
6. **Maintaining Standard Operating Procedure (SOP):** If deceased occurred in the community, the task force have handled the deceased body as per the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for the safety of public issued by the government on 25th March 2020.
7. **Issue of Special Permit :** Special Road Pass permit were issued for the people facing health and other related problem went to Hospital.
8. **Issue of Special Identity Card :** In order to ease the living and to avoid any problems faced by the Non-Mizos, and Manual Labourers coming from outside Mizoram stranded in the Bawngkawn locality, special cards were issued. Around 548 special cards have been issued till date.
Meanwhile, three non-mizos coming from neighbouring state, who did not have any permission from the competent authority, have been red handed, and sent them into police custody for further actions.
9. **Assistance :** The task Force has received donations and relief materials to the tune of Rs. 6,57,800.00 from the philanthropic organizations, Government and general public. Till date, assistance have been provided to 343 families and other relief materials in cash or in kind have been provided to the Non-Mizo stranded in Bawngkawn Locality. Following are the different relief material that have been distributed ;
 - i) **Rice** : **200 bags (50 kgs bag)**
 - ii) **Dal** : **30 bags (50 kgs bag)**
 - iii) **Kerosene** : **100 litres**
 - iv) **Edible oil** : **30 Cases**
 - v) **Onion** : **25 Bags**
 - vi) **Garlic** : **50 Kgs**
 - vii) **Alu** : **50 Bags**
 - viii) **Salt** : **5 Bags**

Measures taken by Bawngkawn South Local Task Force against Covid-19

1. Creation of Local Level Task Force:

As the Govt. of Mizoram issued notification regarding the formation of Local Level Task Force in all the communities within the state of Mizoram, the Local Level Task Force of Bawngkawn South Community was created. The different post and responsibilities are mentioned as under:-

Chairman	:	Pu Lalrosanga, President Bawngkawn South Local Council
Secretary	:	Secretary, Bawngkawn South Local Council
Members	:	1) All Local Council Members 2) All Office Bearers of YMA, Bawngkawn South 3) One representative from MUP and MHIP 4) One representative from all churches with Bawngkawn South Locality

Co-opted

members	:	1) All Executive members of YMA Br. Bawngkawn South 2) All Office Bearers of Sections, Bawngkawn South Branch.
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2. At the different locations Local Level Task Force Personnel were deputed for duty to maintain lockdown properly and to address any problems faced by the community.
3. Through Public Address System, Online Social Media etc. different notifications regarding covid-19 were informed to the general public.
4. The community was kept under lockdown that no one was allowed to move within the community. In the case of unavoidable circumstances like health problem, supply of essential commodities special permission was provided.
5. Any person(s) or family who were out of shortages of basic essential commodities shall be given at a free of cost by the Local Level Task Force.
6. In order to minimize the shortages of basic essential commodities, the Local Level Task Force has procured and maintain stock of basic essential commodities like Rice, Dal, Alu, Edible Oil, Neutrela, Salt, Onion etc. and provided at free of cost.

7. Special arrangements were made to families facing financial difficulties and were provided assistance in the manner of Rs. 1000/-, Rs.1500/- and Rs.2000/- depending upon their family members. Around 80 families have been provided of around Rs. 1,45,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Forty Five Thousand).
8. All the shops i.e. Wholesale and Retail, within the locality were closed at the first phase of lockdown. During the second lockdown shops were opened under the complete supervision of Local Level Task Force supervision for one hour a day while maintaining social distancing by marking circles at regular interval at the entrance of shops.
9. Strangers stranded were informed to remain in the locality.

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