



## *Community outreach for promotion of IPC through WASH supplies and service delivery in vulnerable groups of urban Maharashtra*

### **Project Launch and Phase 1 Activities**

The 'Urban WASH-IPC response to COVID19' project was launched with an inception meeting with the five partner organizations hosted by the Secretariat of Maharashtra Urban WASH-ES Coalition (Maha UWES-C). The course of activities to be undertaken and guidelines for conducting those activities were discussed during the meeting.

In the following 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the project commencement, the five partner organizations, initiated ground activities in their respective project locations. The activities listed for the first phase of the project included training of social mobilisers and NGO partners and subsequently carrying out Rapid Need Assessment (RNA) in identified urban slums from the selected nine cities. For RNA each slum has been surveyed by field surveyors of partner organisations through interaction with sample households. The Secretariat provided bi-lingual (Marathi and English) and other research support as required, to each partner for conducting the survey.

To ensure stakeholder involvement and inclusive decision making, partner organizations have conducted discussion sessions with Municipal officials, Elected Representatives and ward committees of their project cities and also with local stakeholders like youth groups, SHGs, CBOs etc. with support from the Secretariat and UNICEF Maharashtra.

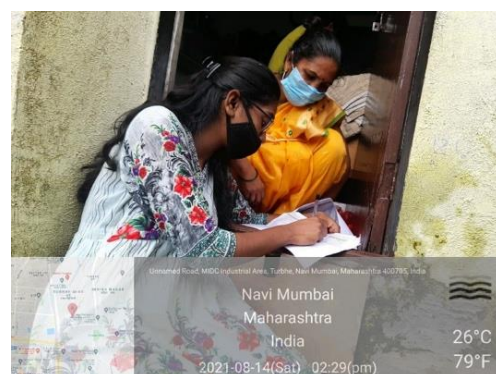
### **Meet the partners**

#### **Citizens Association for Child Rights (CACR) – Mumbai**

CACR's work focuses on the rights of the children and adolescents around WASH, menstrual hygiene management and skill awareness. The organization has a wide network across five municipal wards in Mumbai and works to build a locality based effort to address the issues of facing the vulnerable communities.

Under the Urban WASH-IPC response to COVID-19 project, CACR will implement activities in four urban local bodies, viz. Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation, Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation, Kalyan-Dombivli Municipal Corporation and Mira-Bhayander Municipal Corporation.

- Mira-Bhayander : Conducted 100 household surveys in the selected slums using GPS technology and questionnaire forms. Survey was completed on 17th August 2021
- Navi Mumbai: Engaged local social mobilisers in community interaction and conducted survey of 100 households using GPS technology and google forms on 17th August 2021
- Mumbai: Involved youth for conducting 100 household surveys using GPS technology and google forms for recording responses by August 19, 2021
- Kalyan-Dombivli: Women social mobilisers volunteered in survey of 100 households using questionnaire forms and GPS technology. Survey was completed on 20th August 2021



## Ecosan Services Foundation (ESF) – Pune

Established in 2006, ESF works to promote sustainable sanitation and waste-water management, and holds a deep experience of working with the myriad stakeholders including government officials, local village panchayat heads, independent entrepreneurs, community-based organizations etc.

ESF is responsible for implementing Urban WASH-IPC response activities in the Pune Municipal Corporation.

- Pune: Launched the project on the occasion of 75<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of the India i.e. on 15<sup>th</sup> August in the presence of Elected Representatives, Senior Officials, Ward Committees and other stakeholders of Pune Municipal Corporation. The launch program concluded with a pledge to WASH-IPC and support of CAB among the vulnerable population.
- 100 household survey completed each in Gokhalenagar and Ambedkar Nagar slums in Pune on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 using GPS technology and google forms as well as questionnaire forms.





## Youth for Unity and Voluntary Action (YUVA) – Akola and Nagpur

Registered in 1984, YUVA works to address the inequalities, and support and empower the oppressed and marginalized. YUVA follows a community-led approach towards social change, through interventions in housing, WASH, health and now COVID appropriate behaviour while responding to people's needs.

YUVA will carry out the Urban WASH-IPC response activities in Municipal Corporations of Akola and Nagpur.

- Akola: Orientation and training of local social mobilisers were undertaken on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Awareness program was conducted with the self-help groups and community stakeholders in Naigaon slum. Youth counselling on WASH, CAB and Vaccination awareness was undertaken on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2021.
- Nagpur: Local social mobilisers carried out survey of 100 households in the two selected slums, viz., Sevalal Nagar and Nandanvan. GPS technology and questionnaire forms were used in the process. Survey was conducted on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021





## Centre for Youth Development Activities (CYDA) – Nashik

Founded in 1999, CYDA has been working towards mobilizing youth as agents of change and social transformation towards the improvement of lives of marginalized in society. In the domain of Health and WASH, CYDA focuses on generating awareness, behaviour change practices, and augmentation of the capacity at the local level.

For 'Urban WASH-IPC response to COVID-19' project, CYDA will implement the project activities in Municipal Corporation of Nashik.

- Nashik: Scheduled meeting with local FLW, ASHA/ USHA workers and Nagar Sevaks of respective wards. Planned and prepared for meeting with the nodal officers of respective wards.
- Completed 34 household surveys at Vaiduvadhi, Mhasrul Gaon, Ward No.1 in Nashik



### Society for Action in Creative Education and Development (SACRED) – Aurangabad

Founded in 1982, SACRED is dedicated to empowering people at the bottom of the social ladder, by working with formal and informal institution, self-help groups etc., with a focus on children and WASH.

Under the 'Urban WASH-IPC response to COVID-19 project', SACRED will implement activities in Municipal Corporation of Aurangabad.

- Aurangabad: Training of social mobilisers was undertaken on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Meeting was held with the Elected Representative and Ward Officer of the respective wards.
- Survey of 85 households in Eknath Nagar was completed on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021 while survey of another 100 households is under progress.

