



Messengers of Peace

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

NSO COVID-19 RESPONSE
SPECIAL REPORT

What Scouts are doing to help their communities

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Over the past months, the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting the world resulting to health crisis, intensifying poverty and inequalities. Currently, more and more countries are now recovering and getting back to normal but there are still more countries who are far from recovering and still striving for zero case transmission locally.

The effects of COVID-19 varies from country to country but it is very evident that its impact to economies, mobility of people, and development have significantly caused turmoil on a global scale.

As the pandemic is unexpected, many countries are caught unprepared. But with proper coordination and immediate response from various institutions and organizations, some governments are able to reduce the impact brought by the disease. As other countries may take long to recover, several problems arise which include insufficient supplies of Personal



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Protective Equipment such as masks, suits and face shields as well shortage of alcohol and hand sanitizers especially for medical workers. School operations were also halted and some countries recommend distance learning as an alternative to face-to-face classroom set-up.

People are also having difficulties in accessing and availing food supplies due to the imposition of lockdowns and nationwide quarantines where only essential institutions and industries are allowed to function. Several institutions and organizations have taken their role on COVID-19 responses from raising funds to relief distribution, making improvised masks and serving as front liners.

Scouts in most countries in the Asia-Pacific Region are actively doing

their part in their respective communities. Since the beginning of the pandemic, they have joined relief operations, community disinfection and sanitation, distributed improvised PPEs, provided food to those in need, among others. Initiatives and actions done by Scouts are inspiring groups, institutions and even governments.

The World Organization of the Scout Movement also called for donations through the Scout Donation Platform exclusively to grant emergency projects related to the pandemic. In just a few days, the platform raised the set goal and still receiving donations from around the globe.

The heart of voluntary service shown by Scouts is very evident in many counties. Scouts’ active involvement in responding to community needs

highlight their role as Messengers of Peace. The service they were called for inspire other young people to take part in fighting against COVID-19.

Through this special publication, we sincerely appreciate all National Scout Organizations for their readiness to respond to this pandemic and mobilizing their members to take an active role and serve. Most importantly, they followed protocols and guidelines to ensure their own safety while helping others.

In these trying times, we remain strong and committed. We are Scouts. We are Messengers of Peace.

AHMAD RUSDI

Chairman, Asia-Pacific Regional Scout Committee

MESSAGE FROM THE MOP REGIONAL DECISION COMMITTEE

Greetings All!

It has certainly been a most challenging and different experience for Scouting over recent weeks and months. Every Messengers of Peace project has had to be changed or modified to suit the changing landscape that has been COVID-19, and every member of Scouting involved has continued to meet the challenges head-on, doing their Scouting in ways you may never have thought possible.

The huge commitment of youth members and adults involved and being willing to get 'out there' in the community has been quite outstanding. Doing your best to assist your communities in whatever you have been able to do, despite the risks and difficulties. As Messengers of Peace, you have a unique opportunity through your projects and community engagement to let people see Scouting and see Scouting with 'its sleeves rolled-up', facing the chal-

lenges you have had to cope with, and for some of you, over a considerable period of time, not just once, but on many occasions because the need is there.

To see and read of the achievements that you so clearly demonstrate makes me very proud to be a Scout, and especially a Messenger of Peace. I encourage you to continue to do your best, continue to make the positive contributions you are making in your communities and never forget that everything you do does make an enormous difference for others. Let's continue to tell and show others what Scouting can do through Messengers of Peace.

Continued Good Scouting to you each.

PAUL D PARKINSON, OAM

Member, Regional Decision Committee

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To all our Messengers of Peace,

In this trying time, we have seen how you took immediate steps to help those people in need. This pandemic has surely brought us various experiences, from being locked at our own homes, halting our normal activities, fearing to go outside and adapting to the new normal of doing things virtually made us think on when this pandemic will end.

As Messenger of Peace and as a Scout, I am very much impressed on how Scouts around the world value their service to others. It has been evident on how our activities and initiatives are continuously creating a positive impact to communities. Although this pandemic is unexpected, as Scouts, we are always prepared and ready to take on things which make us useful to society. These actions have reached out millions of people and touched the hearts of others to also do positive actions on their own communities.

Thank you for serving as catalysts for creating a better world. Your actions not only help people in need but also creates a network of actions, by inspiring others to also serve and contribute in making positive impact in their communities.

DALE CORVERA

Member, Regional Decision Committee



“You all stayed true to your Scout Oath and to help other people at all times.”

This 2020 is a tough year for everyone because of the unexpected impact of the COVID-19 which has put all our day-to-day activities into a halt. Not only that, Scouting activities around the globe are also postponed in order to ensure the safety of our Scouts. It is apparent that the health risks and fear that the pandemic brought to us have significantly affected our normal lives. However, despite all these, I'm very proud to see that Scouts are continuing to support their communities who were highly affected by the pandemic.

I want to thank all Scouts who served as Messengers of Peace in this time of crisis. You all stayed true to your Scout Oath and stayed to help other people at all times. Your active involvement and participation has brought great support to the people who are in need and your service served as an embodiment of our values as Scouts.

In this time of health crisis, I hope that we, as Scouts, will always keep ourselves strong so we can always be ready to serve others to the best of our abilities. Scout Salute to each and everyone of you!

J. RIZAL C. PANGILINAN

Regional Director, WOSM Asia-Pacific Region



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Scouts have always played a vital role in the community and have the potential to continue doing so. Our young Scouts have done an excellent job in taking care of the community by raising public awareness in very critical situations. Where other people run away, our Scouts step in and help the community.

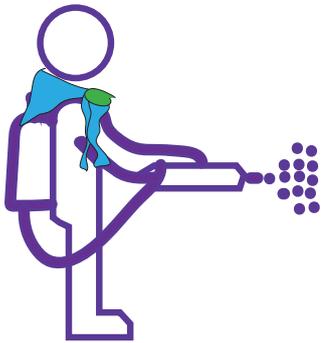
-- Safi Ahmad Khairandish,
Assistant Scout Leader

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AFGHANISTAN

The main issue identified and supported by the Afghanistan National Scout Organization (ANSO) was the lack of public awareness on COVID-19. ANSO worked to support needy families facing starvation due to the lockdown, as well as to address the lack of face masks available to Afghan police forces in Kabul City.





Scouts did the following activities:

- Public awareness campaigns through the distribution of flyers and via social media
- Disinfection of public spaces, vehicles, residential areas, and orphanages
- Distribution of food/ hygiene packages to families facing starvation due to the lockdown
- Sewing and distribution of face masks to Afghan National Police officers in Kabul City

By conducting the awareness campaigns, Scouts shared important information about the virus that helped educate the public and ultimately may have helped slow the spread of the virus in Afghanistan.

The activities also increased the acceptance of the Scout program among the public. Furthermore, the distribution of food packages helped minimise the psychological and economic pressure of families who were facing starvation due to the lockdown.

We will limit our activities to unit level, taking into account all the necessary measures, both personal and public health.

We will continue our virtual activities and ensure health guidelines are implemented for any field/troop activities.

We are planning to continue distributions of food and hygiene packages to families in need (field).



We will also continue our virtual engagement via our Facebook followers.



Partners

- Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Support for Afghanistan (PARSA)
- Ministry of Public Health



Awareness activities reached tens of thousands of people, and will have contributed to stopping the spread of the virus. Furthermore, the distribution of food/hygiene packages and face masks had a direct impact on the health of hundreds of individuals.



Participants

Virtual – 5 Adult Leaders
Field Actions– 162 Scouts, 40 Adult Leaders and 10 Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 18,780 Non-Scouts
Field Actions – 15,597 Non-Scouts



Learnings

Scouts who participated in the COVID-19 activities learned that when a problem threatens their society and country, they can be part of the solution, not victims of the threat.





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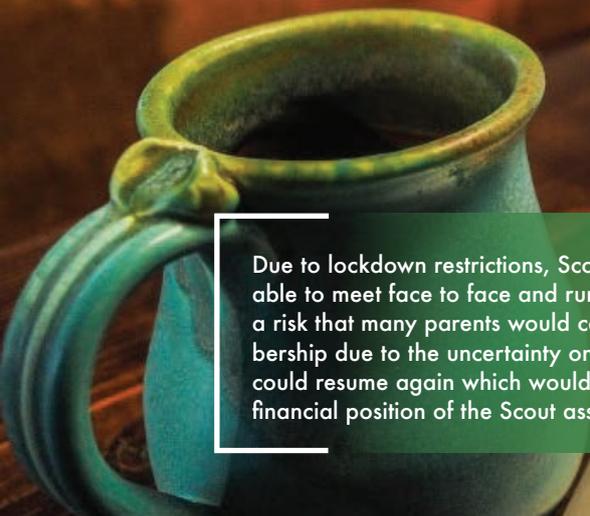
Scouting@home has been really fun. I like our online meetings so that I can talk to my friends at Scouts and I have tried new activities.

-- Cub Scout aged 8 years old

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Due to lockdown restrictions, Scout groups were no longer able to meet face to face and run unit meetings. There was a risk that many parents would cancel their Scout membership due to the uncertainty on when Scout activities could resume again which would significantly impact the financial position of the Scout association.

Australia is progressing into a phase where restrictions are being gradually lifted which has started to provide the opportunity for face to face Scout meetings and outdoor activities to resume. A national competition has been held to get a design for a Scouting@home blanket badge to commemorate this period of Scouting.





All around Australia leaders took action to create Scouting@home programs. This ranged from You tube channels, online meetings, virtual camps, and other creative ideas to keep the youth members engaged and connected.

Over **7,500 views** on a *You Tube channel* of Scouting@home videos created by a small district of Scouts in Brisbane. Large amount of program ideas and activity resources were created.

Beneficiaries
Scouts - 50,000
Non-Scouts - 10,000



Scouting@home gave young people something familiar they could connect with during uncertain times. With schools closed, there was limited social interaction with their peers, so online Scout meetings provided a social opportunity.

Scouting@home activities also provided young people with activities and ideas to keep them progressing in the youth program award scheme and combat boredom during the lockdown periods.

Providing Scouting@home programs helped to keep young people engaged within Scouting and helped to combat potential membership loss by providing opportunities for Scouts to continue to participate.

Scouting@home helped young people to continue friendships within their units via online meetings and stay connected socially.

Scouting@home gave young people activities to keep them occupied and learning new skills, participating in different activities.



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This is a new endeavor to do Scouting virtually and I advise to take a lot of care and security during these activities.

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From the early month of January to March 2020, Scouts have been building social awareness throughout the country by distributing millions of handbills and leaflets on COVID-19. After having the first patient of COVID-19 in March, Scouts were instructed to protect themselves through the Stay Home Be Safe campaign.

BANGLADESH





Bangladesh Scouts rapidly started to do programmes online such as Troop meeting, Pack meeting, Crew meeting, skills- based activity, painting, book reading, health talk, gardening, etc. These were designed for Scouts to get busy and not panic during the lock down

period. Some of these activities are still going on.

Bangladesh Scouts also collaborated with partners such as UNICEF, media, UNDP and Bangladesh Computer Council (BCC) for different online activities that enable Scouts to remain in their homes safely.



Partners

- Local Government
- UNICEF
- National Media
- UNDP
- Bangladesh Computer Councils
- MoP Asia-Pacific Region



Different online training activities are also encouraged by Bangladesh Scouts to Rover Scouts, where they can learn new skills and prepare them for upcoming services.

Participants

Virtual – 50,000 Scouts,
5,000 Adult
Leaders and 2,500
Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – More than one
million Young People
Field – More than one
million Young People

Field – 2,000 Scouts,
2,000 Adult Leaders and
500 Non-Scouts



Some activities are still going on with emphasis on mask making and distribution, among others. By creating the Special

Assistance Emergency Fund, food items are provided to poor families of Scout members. Fundraising is performed both virtually and in the field.



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As a nursing student, I volunteered to work at a quarantine centre and have just completed the period. It's a pleasure to contribute to the nation in our own small ways and this gives us the greatest feeling of satisfaction. Let's work together to fight the virus.

-- Karma Choden

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BHUTAN

Bhutan Scouts Association collaborated with UNICEF to launch the initiative called COVID-19 Diaries, to engage young people meaningfully during the quarantine. Young people joined meaningful conversations by Scouts and Rovers daily for 21 days. Problems, issues, concerns and needs of young people in the quarantine were shared and addressed.

Heads of different schools came together with the community to talk

about the COVID-19 risks and health related issues. Scouts and Leaders discussed the symptoms and preventive measures by hand washing, wearing of masks and proper hygiene. These activities took place mainly in the rural areas where people are mostly farmers and students.

Scouts and school teachers were also on duty for night patrolling in the borders.



Online activities were carried out from home with 110 participants.

Rest of the programs were carried out in the field where the Scouts, leaders and the non-Scouts such as teachers, community people, were actively engaged.



Scouts installed hand washing taps and drinking water facilities in many schools in Bhutan. Almost all the schools and remote places now have filter water for drinking and hand washing.

Some Scouts and their community based counterparts in Southern Bhutan helped two visually impaired and disabled sisters by providing them food and medicine. They rented an apartment for them to stay.



Partner
UNICEF



Learnings

- Helping people in remote areas through campaign and advocacy
- Though intervention of Scouts, people of different ages came to understand about COVID-19 and how to combat it in small ways, that prevention is better than cure
- Students are showing immense interest in education "outside the classroom"
- Leadership and communication skills, team building
- Dealing with elderly people and those with disabilities

Participants

Virtual – 114 Scouts,
38 Adult Leaders and
33 Non-Scouts

Field – 28 Scouts,
71 Adult Leaders and
217 Non-Scouts





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As Scouts, it is part of our duty to be responsible citizens, to listen and follow guidelines required by the government to keep us safe and everyone around us. This includes postponing many outdoor activities this year.

-- Liyana Haji Salleh
MoP National Coordinator

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

COVID-19 Taskforce Volunteers of Persekutuan Pengakap Brunei Darussalam (PPNBD) were involved with logistics by helping the Ministry of Health to allocate and distribute donation packs received from the public. This includes documentation of donated packages and coordinating delivery of the packages to specified destinations.



Partners

- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Youth, Culture and Sport
- Ministry of Religious Affair

Volunteering at Masjid Re-Opening

Rover Scouts volunteered at the reopening of mosques in Brunei Darussalam. The 1033 Rover Crew assisted the Takmir Committee Members of Al-Ameerah Al Hajah Maryam Mosque in the opening of the Mosque.



Pension Drive

Adult Scout Leaders supported the Community Development Department and the Ministry of Youth and Sports to give away pension to the needy elderly.



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We come to understand the Scout Method, in particular, learning by doing.

-- Pel Samnang, Asst. Unit Leader of Serei Sophon High School

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CAMBODIA

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the economy is down. Some people experience food shortage nor can they afford to buy equipment to protect themselves from the virus. The most susceptible are the frontliners.

Through Scout actions, communities became aware of Cambodia Scouts who are instrumental in raising awareness on COVID-19 pandemic, how to avoid acquiring the virus and maintaining good health and well-being.



Partners

- The Many Foundation
- Premium Sport Club
- SOMA Group
- Sonnavith Group
- Department of Health
- Banteay Meanchey Province



Cambodia Scouts raised funds and organized a food relief operation in Phnom Pehn City. Scouts joined hand in hand with volunteers of the Union of Youth Federations of Cambodia and The Many Foundation to distribute food packages to 10,500 people.

Scout Leaders also distributed food packages to 16 poor families.



Participants

Virtual – 30 Scouts, 4 Adult Leaders and 38 non-Scouts

Field – 16 Scouts, 5 Adult Leaders and 85 non-Scouts

Banteay Meanchey is a province within the border of Thailand. Workers treading the border from Thailand to Cambodia are susceptible to acquiring the virus.

Cambodia Scouts did their COVID-19 awareness in bus stations, market places, and in a high school using banners and peer education.

The activity was in partnership with Red Cross Youth of Serei Sophon High School.



Learnings

- Reaching out to connect with people and share experiences
- Mobilizing resources through successful fund raising

During the pandemic, Taiwan government has taken safety measures to fight COVID-19 since December 2019. Under the effort of Taiwan Center for Disease Control (Taiwan CDC), confirmed cases is far less than many other countries. There was no lock down in Taiwan. Students can go to school as usual but they are expected to wear masks, keep social distancing, and follow instructions given by Taiwan CDC. When Taiwan CDC lifted the barriers on social life, it is

expected that life would soon be back to normal.

Being school-based, Scout units in schools can still conduct regular meetings. But camping or events at council level or national level were cancelled under the instruction from schools, educational bureau and Taiwan CDC. Some community-based Scout units were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, and they had to cancel the troop meetings or conduct meetings in small groups.

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION OF THE SCOUTS OF CHINA

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It was a good chance for us to reflect Scout activities more than what we thought. We should use different resources to promote and recruit more young people to join Scouting.

-- Leader

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The General Association of the Scouts of China (TGASC) issued a program guideline during COVID-19 on 27 February 2020. The guideline was sent to local councils and Scout units. As number of suggestions were given on wearing mask, washing hands, measure body temperature when conducting activities.

Taichung City's WenShan North Star Scout Group contacted their partner group in Malaysia, KELAB RAKAN PIPK, to make a film about COVID-19. Hinchu City SunFun Scout Group mobilized their Scouts and leaders to volunteer at the local government to help pack medical masks. By doing so, they ease the burden of pharmacies in distributing masks to the general public.

Several Scout leaders raised funds to purchase cloth masks and medical supplies for donation to Scout units in the USA.

TGASC will continue to engage Scouts in online group meetings and international experience workshops using social media channels. In the field, they will help pack masks and raise money, and other materials to support the Scouts in the USA and Japan.



TGASC also promoted safety measures on COVID-19 through its Facebook page based on the information from Taiwan CDC, including a social media campaign.

Overall, the campaign covered 15,302 viewers.

Many Scout units made video clips about safety measures

like washing hands, wearing mask, keep social distancing, and upload them on Youtube and Facebook. The three most creative films were selected. They are New Taipei City Scout Council, Yung-He BLIA Scout Group and Yun Lin Shu-Guang Community-based Scout Group.

Kaohsiung City Happy Scout Group made a film to pay tribute to all medical staff fighting the virus.

Participants

Virtual – 500 Scouts, 800 Adult Leaders and 100 Non-Scouts
Field Actions– 200 Scouts, 300 Adult Leaders and 100 Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 600 Scouts, 1,000 Adult Leaders and 200 Non-Scouts
Field Actions– 300 Scouts, 400 Adult Leaders and 200 Non-Scouts



FIJI

After the first case of the coronavirus was confirmed in Fiji on 19 March, strict rules were imposed in some areas with a lockdown. Despite challenges, the Fiji Scouts team kept their spirits high and came up with many ideas and improvements to keep Scouting alive. Some of the issues identified by Scouts were food security, need of a food drive, online and in field awareness on covid-19, regular update on the pandemic, partnering with the government bodies and other non-governmental organizations to combat COVID-19.



MoP coordinators together with other volunteers reached the remotest villages in Fiji to inform people the risks of COVID-19. This is in partnership with the Ministry of Health, Commissioners Office Western, Fiji Red Cross Society and Fiji Council of Social Services team. Many Scout leaders joined the Ministry of Health's mass screening in many parts of Fiji. Part of the information process was the proper technique of hand washing, discussion on the pandemic and its risks, cleanliness in the home and village, and the importance of proper water sanitation and hygiene practices.

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Our learning journey is beyond explanation especially during this pandemic. Scouts went out of their way to reach the people of Fiji and it was a great success. Once again we reminisced our promise as Scouts (Duty to God, to my country and helping other people). As messengers of peace, we were certain to create a positive impact and an environment of peace, love and hope to our fellow citizens. This pandemic made our promise and values even stronger and meaningful which has led to success and also leaving Fiji a corona contained nation.

– Pel Samnang - Asst. Unit Leader of Serei Sophon High School

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PROJECT VEILOMANI was launched by the Messengers of Peace team which focuses on street beggars and other needy people out

in the streets. This project is long term which will continue until next year with more upcoming activities. In partnership with Ba District Council of Social Services, a Food Drive was launched helping 40 families in the district providing them with food and clothes.



Clean up campaigns and tree planting continued even after

the lockdown was over. These actions created a lot of impact in our communities and Scouts are continuously being recognised by the government and other NGOs.



Partners

- Ministry of Health
- Fiji Red Cross Society
- Fiji Council of Social Services
- Extreme Holdings
- Town Councils



Fiji Scouts started a very interesting challenge online through the hardworking leaders and Scouts. This was “STAY HOME, STAY SAFE CHALLENGE”. Moreover, Scout leaders, Cubs, Scouts and Rovers posted small videos on precautionary measures for COVID-19.

These videos were liked and shared by many. Regular announcements on COVID-19 and other details were posted online.

Participants

Virtual – 10 Scouts, 50 Adult Leaders and 40 non-Scouts
Field – 2 Scouts, 40 Adult Leaders and 40 non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – More than 100 Adult Leaders and more than 100 non-Scouts
Field – More than 1,000 Adult Leaders and more than 800 Non-Scouts



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Leaders who volunteered at the quarantine centre learnt that risks can be minimized by completing a thorough assessment of the situation and that it is essential to plan well and make sure that all precautionary measures are in place before undertaking any kind of actions.”

-- Hubert Ho, International Commissioner

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Need for Keeping Social Distancing and Personal Hygiene

In response to the government measures, Scouts and leaders were strongly advised to protect themselves.

Lack of Protective Gears on the part of the Under privileged

Scouts Serve the community by extending a hand to the society in this critical period.

Issue brought by Suspension of Classes and Scouting Activities

Scouts and leaders were encouraged to optimize the use of e-Learning to keep the passion and continuity of learning in Scouting.

HONG KONG

Serve the Community and Keep Learning

– Launched the “Hong Kong Scout – Health Guard” Programme. Health Guard Badges are issued which are categorized as Green (encourages leaders to become Health Guard Ambassador), Blue (helped instilling positive energy to the public on web) and Red (Scouts and leaders were encouraged to participate in various anti-pandemic activities at home and in field (for leaders only).

Under the Health Guard Programme, several activities were initiated and done by the Scouts. Activities include Health Guard Ambassador, Scouts Cheer You Up, Distribution of Positive Anti-epidemic Information, Scouts

Do It, Scouts Perform I and II, Distribution of Anti-epidemic Packages, A Song for Scout Health Guard, Scouts’ & ‘Poly U’ - Anti-epidemic Health Campaign, Tongue Twisters Challenge, Face Mask Cover Making Workshop, Alcohol-based Handrub Making Workshop, Warm Telephone Calls, and Whatsapp Stickers.

In response to JOTI – Special Edition launched by WOSM, a local JOTI event was held in Hong Kong with a total of 60 online Scoutcraft classes and sharing sessions for Scouts, leaders and their parents. Video clips were also collected through the programme to show support to other Scouts around the world.



口罩套製作工作坊

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北葵涌區於3月2日起在新界地域總部活動室及各義工家中舉行「童心抗疫：兒童口罩套製作坊」，由領袖及熱心人士合共製作了逾500個口罩套，分配給成員使用。

另外，地域於3月7日舉行「口罩套製作工作坊」，由助理香港總監（新界地域）陳秋玉教導地域一眾領袖縫製口罩套。



抗疫包派發

地域亦於3月14日前往仁濟醫院楊溫生夫人長者鄰舍中心派發抗疫包予長者。



衛生防護中心
Centre for Health Protection



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By participating in various virtual Scout programmes and trainings, Scouts understand that it's more blessed to give than to receive.

Suspension of face-to-face Scout activities due to epidemic provided alternative ways on web for Scouts to learn new things and to explore the world.

Scouts with innovation and courage could definitely cope with most difficulties and strains in life.



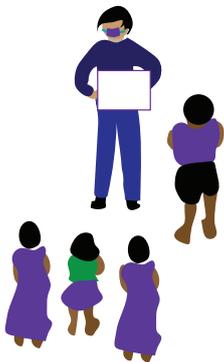
The benefits of using electronic technology in Scouting are enormous. It is efficient in delivering training materials to Scouts and also contribute a lot in reaching more young people and their parents to understand more about our movement.

Scouts demonstrated to the public that we are responsible for the community and are prepared to cater for anyone in need in the society at all times.



All Scout campsites were ready for the Government to make use of as potential sites of quarantine centres.

Distributed anti-epidemic packages which contain face masks, alcohol-based handrub and pamphlets with anti-epidemic and hygiene information by our leaders to the elderlies (singleton / doubleton), needy and low-income families, single parents, people with disabilities, ethnic minorities, the unemployed, local and overseas charities.



We have decided to resume face-to-face Scout activities in phases, including Scout Group meetings, activities and training starting from 5 June for adult members and from 1 July for all sections (except the Grasshopper Scout Section which will resume in September 2020). More online learning schemes and modules for Scouts and leaders will be in place as a supplementary tool to the ordinary training methods.

More services in promoting personal hygiene and health education to the public will be conducted in the field when situation allows.

Participants

Virtual – 14,432 Scouts and Adult Leaders

Field – 901 Adult Leaders

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 200,000 Scouts, Adult Leaders and non-Scouts

Field – 15,254 Scouts, Adult Leaders and Non-Scouts

Provided support to the Office of the Government Chief Information Officer by Scout leaders in preparing electronic wristbands used for monitoring people under quarantine. The wristbands were paired with the "StayHomeSafe" mobile app to detect and analyse changes in environmental communication signals to ascertain whether those under quarantine were staying in the registered places.

Scout leaders supported the Government by rendering service in quarantine centres, such as delivering equipment and assisting in the logistics.



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Amazing spirit is shown by the Rovers and Rangers of the Bharat Scouts and Guides in the face of COVID-19 challenge. They are making masks, helping in sanitization of public places, thermal screening and stress management in underprivileged government shelter homes.

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-- Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Govt. of India tweeter update



INDIA

The Bharat Scouts & Guides identified these issues and challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic: food, hygiene, sanitation, automatic rise in the price of masks, non-availability of masks, non-availability of voluntary blood donors especially for the Thalassemia affected patients, social distancing, assistance in distributing government provisions to the needy, among others.



The NSO has revised its youth programme tentatively for one year to focus on Scouting from home. Scouts are joining youth programmes through digital platforms.

Except COVID-19 service related activities, services are done virtually while observing government guidelines for public gatherings.

Through these activities, Scouts learned numerous values such as solidarity, social responsibility, mental fitness, resourcefulness and being healthy.

In addition, it is also important not to waste food and water, help communities when in crisis, and stand for needy people.





Scouting and Guiding became visible to the public. The Movement created a good partnership with the government and media, and were recognized for their effort, boosting the confidence of Rovers and Rangers who were active in the initiatives.

In addition, financial contributions were made towards PM Cares Fund and CM Relief Fund.



Volunteers served at various shelter homes established by the government for immigrant laborers and migrant people to relieve them from mental anxiety and homesickness. They introduced a skills based educational programme continuously for a month. Apart from this, project Charan Paduka was also organized which is giving footwear to migrant laborers.



The Bharat Scouts and Guides organized food distribution for people as well as for street animals. In some parts of the country, Scout kitchens were set up where Scouts cooked food and served people in need for 69 days in a row. It is estimated that over 200,000 food packs were distributed.

Apart from this, various groups in other districts initiated food relief operations.

Since the announcement of nationwide lockdown by the Government of India, Scout volunteers engaged in various health initiatives to mitigate the spread of the virus which includes: screening, sanitization drive, medicine distribution (Homeopathy), thermal screening and voluntary blood donation campaigns for Thalassemia patients due to the lack of blood donors.

As a result of increase in prices of masks, the NSO has taken up the initiative to set-up Mask Banks in all the State Associations. Scouts and Guides, Rovers and Ranger as well as Adult Leaders all over the country started making masks for the Mask Bank and distributed them to needy people in their own communities, free of cost.



To raise public awareness on the COVID-19 pandemic, Scouts distributed handbills and leaflets on prevention tips and measures. They were stationed in crowded places to maintain social distancing. In addition, several street plays were shown in public places to raise awareness.

Participants

Virtual – 200,000 Scouts, 30,000 Adult Leaders and 10,000 non-Scouts
Field – 25,000 Scouts, 5,000 Adult Leaders and 15,000 non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 10,500 Scouts, 30,000 Adult Leaders and 15,000 non-Scouts
Field – 25,000 Scouts, 5,000 Adult Leaders and 50,000 non-Scouts



Project SANKALP was initiated in the NSO to create greater awareness on COVID-19 with motivational videos created by Rovers, Rangers and Unit leaders. They registered in the Government of India's e-learning COVID-19 website, i.e GOT, U report and Arogya setup. Through these online portals, Scouts motivated others to register in the online training.





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Gerakan Pramuka got involved in fighting COVID-19 as an implementation of the Scout Law.”

-- Saul Saleky, Community Service National Commissioner

The COVID-19 pandemic impacted almost all sectors in Indonesia. The outbreak forced people to work from home, while others became unemployed. Many people, especially the poor and informal workers, are facing two major challenges: disease and starvation.

INDONESIA

The Scouts Engagement Program focused on four areas:

1. Protocol compilation and Scouting guide in the new normal.
2. Protection of volunteers
3. Building food security and entrepreneurship
4. Expansion of partnership, collaboration and stakeholder cooperation

Community Service Activities

Gerakan Pramuka Community Service are divided into four sections:

Educational:

Education to the community about washing hands properly and wearing masks

Food Security:

Distributing food packages and meals to informal workers and frontliners

Capacity building:

Conducting a webinar series

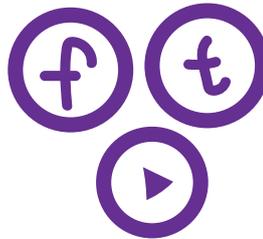
Health:

Distributing hand sanitizers and masks to frontliners



A number of online courses and webinars were arranged for members. Project related videos were produced:

- PRAMUKA PEDULI KWARDA JATENG BANTU TENAGA MEDIS DI RUMAH SAKIT
- CARA PENCEGAHAN DAN PENULARAN VIRUS CORONA VERSI ANGGOTA PRAMUKA
- PENCEGAHAN PENYEBARAN COVID-19 GERAKAN PRAMUKA SMA SHALOM BENGKAYANG
- BAGI BAGI MASKER, TAKJIL DAN HAND SANITIZER OLEH PRAMUKA PEDULI KWARCAB LUMAJANG

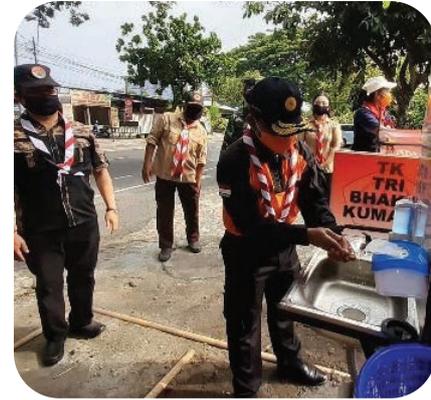


In cooperation with government institutions, the online activities provided a new learning method for members and increased a positive visibility for Gerakan Pramuka.



Gerakan Pramuka works together with the government and other social institutions to break the chain of COVID-19 transmission, by helping affected communities.

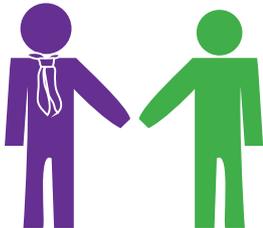
Scouts distributed masks and hand sanitizers. They gave instructions on social distancing and proper hand washing in public places. Some members joined disinfectant teams to sanitize public places and the NSO Headquarters.





In support of government efforts, Gerakan Pramuka initiated home gardening and farming to prepare members for a lockdown. Benefits of home gardening and farming keep Scouts active and productive while staying at home. The produce are for home consumption during the lockdown.

Scouts shared meals for iftar at mosques and streets.



Partners

- Palang Merah Indonesia (Indonesian Red Cross Society)
- COVID-19 National Task Force
- Sritex
- Foodbank Indonesia
- PT. Telkom Indonesia

Participants

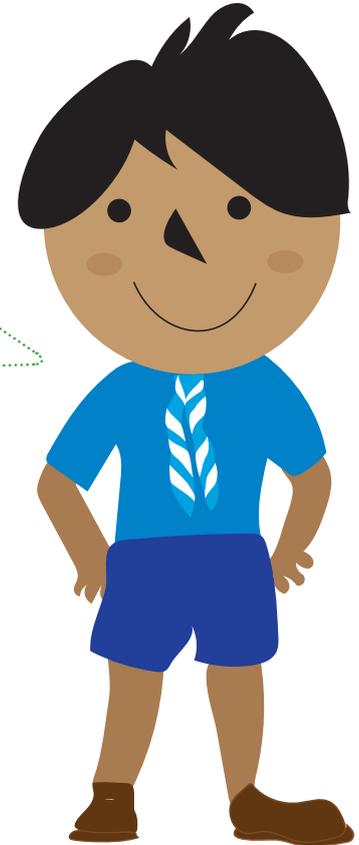
Virtual – 3,800 Scouts,
1,350 Leaders and 2,200
Non-Scouts

Field – 2,371 Scouts and
2,206 Leaders

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 720 Scouts, 240
Leaders and 240 Non-Scouts

Field – 7,113 Scouts and
6,609 Leaders



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We shall consider
what we could
do for our youths
with emphasis
on speediness.

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-- Kazuo Takeuchi,
MoP NSO Coordinator

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, Scouts in Japan refrained from face-to-face activities, which in a way prevented them from working on their progression.



Learnings

Voluntary services of Rover Scouts were done with effectiveness, speed and passion, a necessary force for the future of Scouting.

JAPAN



Rover Scouts have created a web page with tips on how to proceed with their activities across the country. A Rover Scout has developed a mobile app that supports Scouts and leaders to discuss about advancement. In addition, the Rover Scouts Council of Japan (RCJ) held an online event (Moot on the Internet) for Scouts.

Parents and adult members across the country could visit the web page for their young people. The mobile app led to an opportunity to interact with Scouts in other parts of the country. The online event took place over two days, with talks on 13 topics and participated by 260 Scouts. They shared tips on Scout activities and enjoyed socializing even while at home.

The web page featured more than 70 activity tips and reached over 5,000 page views. The mobile app was used by many leaders as a new way of conducting activities. As for the online event, planning and preparation was done in a short period of one week before the event, and yet it attracted the same number of people like a local Scout camp event. While schools are closed, this provided a safe environment for young people to engage in activities.

Participants

Virtual – 50 Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 260 Scouts



There will be an online forum each for Rover Scouts and Venture Scouts. Scouts do the planning and management of the forum. Preparations are underway to host the event, and participants will join from their homes.



KOREA



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They learned the importance of community service and fund-raising during a national emergency situation.

-- Jaera Lee, Assistant Manager,
Korea Scout Association

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Several local councils of Korea Scout Association (KSA) supported communities by providing daily necessities like masks, bottles and support fund to the Community Chest of Korea. Rover Scouts disinfected kindergarten schools and bus stations as part of community service. Scouts learned the importance of community service and fund-raising during national emergency situation.

The National HQ of Korea Scout Association and several local councils helped alleviate the effects of the pandemic with similar but separate activities such as sports drink donation, fundraising, mask donation and bottle donation. Thanks to North Seoul Local Council, South Gyeonggi Local Council, Daegu Local Council, and Busan Local Council.



Masks and bottles were given to the elderly, firefighters, COVID-19 clinics, among others.

Beneficiaries
Non-Scouts – 32,000



Funds collected by Scouts were donated to the Community Chest of Korea which are intended for vulnerable social groups.





MACAU

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There are many ways of helping other people, but in this case of coronavirus, the helping method is very different from any other cases: just staying home, wearing masks, washing hands and keeping social distancing can really give a big help to oneself, friends, families, the community, the Health Department and the world.

But not so many people can do this!

-- Llewelly Cheung, MoP NSO Coordinator

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In the early stages of the coronavirus outbreak, China was severely affected. Financial and resources support were much needed to aid the situation. To cope with the Macau government's announcement of suspension of schools, The Scout Association of Macau (TSAM) also suspended Scouting activities from early February. Since then, students could not attend classes and Scouts could not join activities physically.

As a result, their time was not well-used.



Social restrictions slowly lifted starting May. Scouting activities in Macau gradually resumed under safety guidelines (wearing face masks and keeping social distancing).

For some school-based Scout Groups, they may still need to follow school directive not to do outdoor activities.

Scouts have to join online

programs and meetings to keep them engaged. There are no specific community services planned for the time being as part of government preventive guideline.

“Stay Home to Fight Coronavirus

Coronavirus” online campaign was initiated. Members took online quizzes to test their knowledge regarding the coronavirus. They were also encouraged to do some indoor cleaning and disinfection of their living environment, and to care for their neighbors.



In January, TSAM initiated a fundraising campaign to help Mainland China for Combating COVID-19, a special badge (@MOP30) was designed for the Macau Scout members who donate.

TSAM designed the badge, looked for a producer, and promoted the fundraising campaign information to the Council Board, Commissioners, Group Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Scouts and Cub Scouts. They collected the donations and distributed the badges.



Partner

Liaison Office of the Central People's Government



One hundred thousand Macau Patacas (MOP100,000) was raised by Macau Scout members and presented to the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in Macau for transfer to mainland China in February 2020. Over 200 Scouts participated in the online campaign.



Participants

Virtual – 495 Scouts
and 221 Adult Leaders
Field – 50 Adult Leaders

Beneficiaries

Virtual – More than 1,074 Scouts
Field – More than 100 Non-Scouts



Learnings

- Scouts learned to help and care for others, develop a strong sense of responsibility and love for country
- Learned self-discipline and time management
- Get used to online learning while staying at home.



MALAYSIA

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“In such difficult time during MCO, Scouts have played their amazing and outstanding role to the communities. They choose not to stay at home, but rather go forward with other front liners, risking their own life for others. There are no other words to describe their heroic acts!”

-- Nuraliff affandi bin Nor Rahmat
Assistant Executive Secretary, Youth Programme

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Issues identified during the pandemic are insufficient Personal Protective Kit to be used by frontliners and the Movement Control Order (MCO) imposed by the government affected the income of many citizens.



Learning

Scouts learn to adapt to difficult times not only for themselves but for the community. They become more creative by taking action in the face of challenges and with limited resources.

They inspire each other and non-Scouts to engage with their communities and overcome difficult times together.

Several online quizzes, contests and webinar were organized by Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia (PPM) HQ and most of the states

To keep learning alive during the temporary lock down, a series of webinars and other online trainings attracted a large number of participants among Scouts and non-Scouts of different ages.

Activities

- Online training and webinar
- Better World Framework and Earth Tribe Awareness Training
- Online Woodbadge (Introduction Course)
- Youth Programme online training
- Community COVID-19 recovery outreach
- Online learning and challenge platform for Scouts and non-Scouts



The Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided by Scouts helped to overcome the shortage of kits for frontliners and other agencies to cover critical locations.

Communities needing help were given donations from fundraising drives organized

by Scouts.

The communities acknowledge the work of Scouts and how they inspire their communities which are highlighted in social media as well as mass media.



The National Rover Scout Council produced and provided PPEs to frontliners around the country.

Around 101,000 PPEs were produced and distributed.



Partners

- Public
- Malaysian Youth Council



Public donation amounting to around RM 25,000 was delivered to a Scout who needed help for surgery.

Participants

Virtual – 20,000 Scouts, 3,000 Adult Leaders and 1,500 Non-Scouts

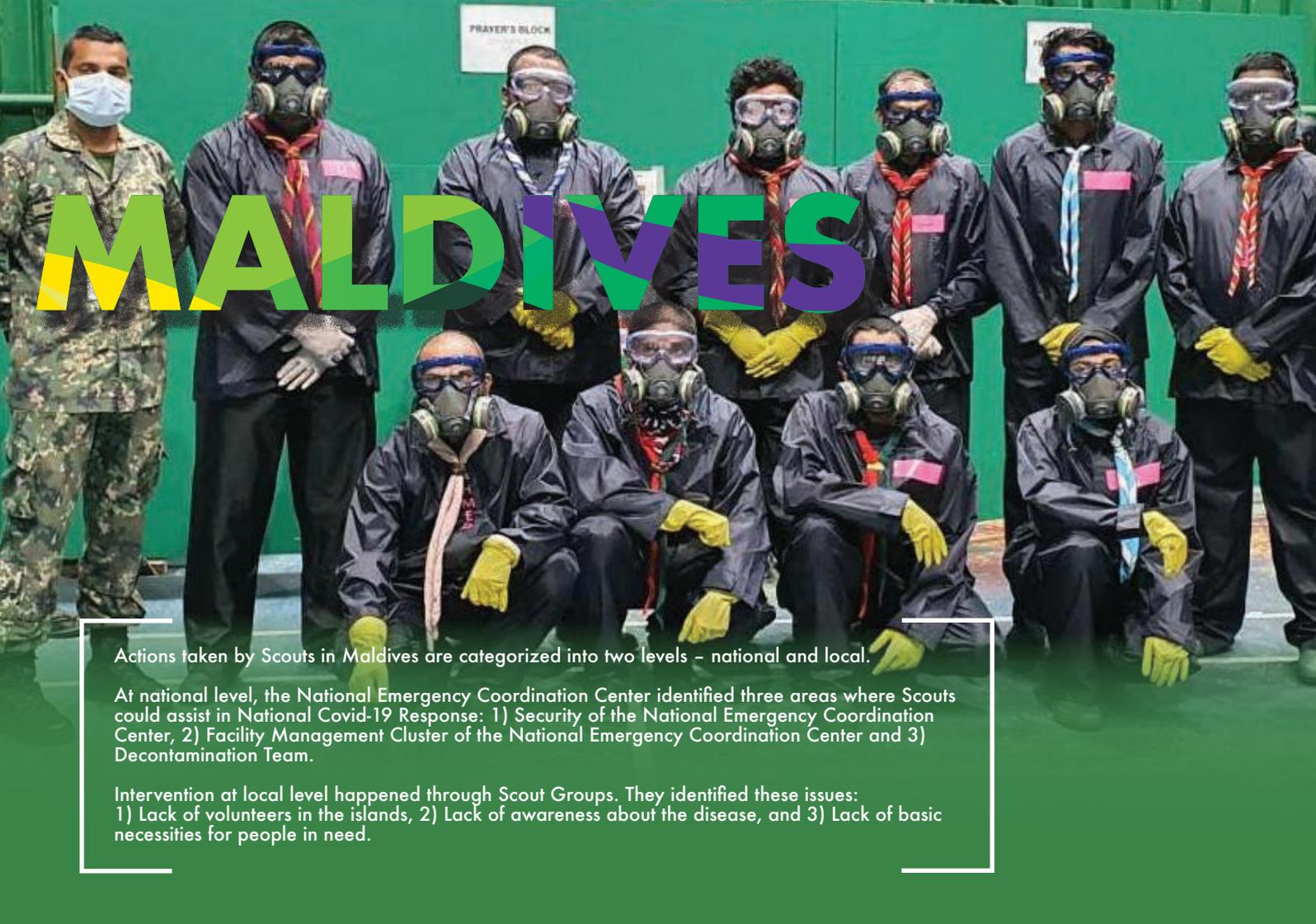
Field – 650 Scouts, 130 Adult Leaders and 75 Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 3,000 Scouts, 1,500 Adult Leaders and 500 Non-Scouts

Field – 724 Non-Scouts





MALDIVES

Actions taken by Scouts in Maldives are categorized into two levels – national and local.

At national level, the National Emergency Coordination Center identified three areas where Scouts could assist in National Covid-19 Response: 1) Security of the National Emergency Coordination Center, 2) Facility Management Cluster of the National Emergency Coordination Center and 3) Decontamination Team.

Intervention at local level happened through Scout Groups. They identified these issues: 1) Lack of volunteers in the islands, 2) Lack of awareness about the disease, and 3) Lack of basic necessities for people in need.



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Living away from family for more than a month was difficult. However it was a necessary sacrifice to keep everyone safe. This situation has taught me to plan ahead and prepare to work with diverse teams to do what is necessary. It has definitely improved my collaboration skills and ability to lead a team. This situation has also enabled me to trust my counterparts more than ever before as we put our lives on the line for the country each day during the past month.

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-- from Abdulla Yafis Ahmed, Headquarter Commissioner for Finance, Decontamination Team

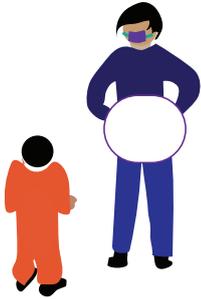


Learnings

- Awareness about COVID-19, its impact on society, and how to provide help to those most affected
- Social media campaigns enabled Scouts to hone their digital skills
- Those involved learned how to manage situations during a national emergency whether in the field or at home.
- Most importantly, Scouts learned the importance of giving back to society.



The Scout Association of Maldives steered an awareness campaign sharing posters and videos endorsed by the Health Protection Agency. Scout Groups ran awareness campaigns via social media, reaching more than 1,000 people.



Rover Scouts and Leaders joined decontamination teams of the National Emergency Coordination Center (NEOC).

They decontaminated residences, business offices, warehouses, and vehicles used to transport COVID-19 patients. Rover Scouts prepared face shields and delivered them to frontline workers. Businesses were brought back to operations.

Rover Scouts assisted in the Security operation of the NEOC, particularly at the Facility Management Section.

They handled packages sent by families to those in quarantine centres and supported logistics operation that procured items for the facilities. Scouts manned thermal cameras and thermometers at security desks for all entering the premises.





One Scout Group based in Male' City collected funds to provide food packages for low income families to ensure that they have ample resources for the month of Ramadan.

Participants

Virtual – 200 Scouts, 50 Adult Leaders and 6 Non-Scouts
Field – 23 Scouts, 15 Adult Leaders and 8 Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 200 Scouts, 25 Adult Leaders and 200 Non-Scouts
Field – 50 Scouts, 25 Adult Leaders and 500 Non-Scouts



Partners

- Maldives National Defence Force
- Maldives Customs Service
- Male' City Council

MONGOLIA



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**Together
we are
stronger.** ”

-- Khaliun Lkhamdash, MoP NSO Coordinator

In Mongolia, it was necessary to deliver messages about the prevention of spreading of COVID 19 virus to people who have no access to internet and to vulnerable families.

Challenges were overcome by delivering food to the families, teaching children to make masks and use hand sanitizer, and washing their hands properly.



Bayangol District Scouts opened an online channel called Scouting from Home which showcases basic knowledge in knot tying, First Aid and other Scouting skills.

At the lockdown period, Scouts produced three videos about how to make mask with household materials and how to make home-made hand sanitizer using hashtags #tiktokchallenge #scoutsfightCOVID19 #washyourhand.

With online troop meetings, Scouts do not feel alone. There is great interest among deaf children joining online meetings.

Rovers worked with UNICEF to spread over 70,000 posters at black markets, rural districts, bus stations and homes in Ger district. Scouts from different provinces sew masks for front liners and children, while others gave food to children

in need.

Rovers worked with the Ministry of Health to take a survey of pregnant women and women who have infants about COVID awareness so that proper actions could be taken.

Scouts are now doing research to make soap at a low price to give away for people in poor districts, and teach them how to make soap at home. Even children were taught to make their own hand sanitizers and masks.



Scouts will continue online troop meetings and produce stickers on prevention tips against the virus.

To inspire others, there is a plan for virtual orchestra of the Scout anthem and Messengers of Peace song.



Participants

Virtual – 500 Scouts, 15 Adult Leaders and 100 Non-Scouts

Field – 100 Scouts and 130 Adult Leaders



Partners

- UNICEF
- Lantuun Dohio NGO



Learning

Disabled people are always left behind. Scouts have them in mind in preparing prevention videos and useful tips using sign language.



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Scouts are doing good turns not only for their communities but also for other organizations. They are well recognised by their community and the government.

-- Phyo Thura Win, MOP NSO Coordinator

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A photograph showing two Scouts in uniform and face shields handing a bag of tomatoes to a woman behind a chain-link fence. The Scouts are wearing white uniforms with red collars and blue face shields. The woman is wearing a patterned orange and brown top and a blue and yellow patterned skirt. The background is a wooden wall and a chain-link fence.

MYANMAR

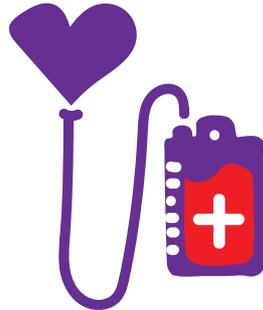
On Founder's day celebration this year, 22 February, Myanmar Scout celebrated the occasion following the guideline and procedures of the Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS).

Then the first positive patients were detected on 23 March, the association announced to Scouts nationwide to follow instructions declared by the MOHS and local authorities, and to postpone and stop all activities and trainings.

By the time there is no more local transmission of COVID-19 in Myanmar, Scouts and Rovers joined the campaign led by the Red Cross society.

Rovers led by the Unit Leader of West Yangon University organized a project called "Project OaSis" for COVID-19 relief.

They provided necessary protective equipment for Scouts and Rovers who helped at the front line and quarantine centres. Project OaSis is organized with funding support from the Messengers of Peace grant under the Asia-Pacific Regional Support Centre.



Scouts are doing the online campaign "ScoutStayHome" and spread awareness of staying at home and help fight against the spread of COVID-19.

Activities

Facebook live programs with Scout leaders, outstanding Scouts, etc. Counselling activities together with the Counselling Centre of YMCA and Myanmar Scout to the NFPE-NFME program.

Partners

- We Love Yangon Charity Groups
- Clean Yangon





Although Scout activities and trainings were postponed or delayed, some Scouts individually and voluntarily helped at local quarantine centres put up by the government.

Rovers together with local donation groups and the "WeLoveYangon" group, packaged and distributed basic food supplies for low income communities with the support of government.



Learning

- Scouts helped their families understand and follow government instructions.
- Scouts were the first responders of the COVID-19 pandemic where they created greater awareness of the public through social media campaigns and announcements.
- As a result, they raised the awareness of Scouting by the public and authorities. Their humanitarian actions got the attention of communities.



Participants

Virtual – 300 Scouts,
50 Adult Leaders and
50 Non-Scouts

Field – 40 Scouts,
20 Adult Leaders and
10 Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 600 Scouts,
100 Adult Leaders and
150 Non-Scouts

Field – 150 Scouts, 150
Adult Leaders and 100
Non-Scouts



Handwashing

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Nepal Scouts members and volunteers travel to duty stations to do their role in fighting against the pandemic, to keep the community safe, and to assist distressed sectors of the population.

During the lockdown, volunteers took responsibility for their health and that of their community. They offered courageous service and support from the community poured in. Scouts stepped up to show immense persistence and heroism, where initially, was not seen in their communities.

NEPAL



Stay Home Live Sessions on Facebook gathered much attention of members and non-members. Highly interactive programmes were offered on home Scouting actions, preventive measures during the pandemic, and the crucial aspects of mental health.

Also covered are current and future commitment and roles of scouts during the changing times, cyber awareness, and much more. A series of one-hour sessions thrived among participants all over the country meeting its purpose of giving useful insights and motivation.



Learning

Disaster of different forms happen so we have to be alert and prepared. Individuals cannot do it alone, we have to be together, follow instructions, and relay the message to other Scout members. Joint efforts and collaboration with authorities is a major learning.

Digital learning is a way of gaining knowledge from home. Besides, it is productive.

Scouts saw the importance of being active citizens by following rules for the sake of their own health, of others, the community and the entire nation.



In collaboration with RONB (Facebook page) and COVID19 Information Centre Nepal (CICN), volunteers showed their remarkable actions in feeding hungry stranded animals around Kathmandu Valley. The animals survived from leftovers and the kindness of people in the marketplace before the

lockdown.

During the lockdown, and after media exposure about the hungry animals, Nepal Scouts Director Ram Prasad Bhattarai and Santosh Kumar Thapa led a group of volunteers in feeding birds, dogs, monkeys and fish. They initially used their personal resources but with media's support, other community members began to extend help.



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Even in this pandemic, the high motivation and deep consideration to help and support people in need is a great deed. Not everybody is ready but Scouts have shown a high level of enthusiasm. Appreciation by the community has scaled up the motivation of Scouts. It is an experience of a lifetime when three young leaders showed a clear example of what a Scout in action is.

It is a delight to save speechless animals from hunger and suffering. Helping the animals and needy people motivated many young people to spread a strong message to the community. Let little efforts support the fight for all living creatures against the aftermath of COVID-19.

-- Madhav Raj Mainalee, Resource and Project Officer

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Volunteers actively supported health workers by collecting information of patients' health and travel history, managing the fever clinic, providing counseling to patients, providing awareness information, and other logistic support that speed up the work at the hospital. They collected swab and blood, and transported them to the hospital.

Rajesh Gaiju, Scout Leader of Bhaktapur District, stayed at the hospital and volunteered at the Bhaktapur Hospital since the lockdown. Under the leadership of Gaiju, a Rover Scout, Nhuza Kiju, assisted in the same hospital, took sufficient precautionary measures while carrying out his management tasks.



When Rt. Hon. Prime Minister of Nepal K P Sharma Oli addressed the country, he appreciated the activities and support of Nepal scouts in combating the pandemic. He thanked Scout Leaders who helped in properly disposing the corpse of a patient who died from the virus by incineration.

Partners

- World Organization of the Scout Movement
- RONB (Facebook page)
- COVID19 Information Centre Nepal (CICN)



NEW ZEALAND

A photograph of two young boys in a grassy field setting up a blue and green tent. The boy on the left is wearing a red shirt and is crouching down, smiling. The boy on the right is wearing a black shirt and blue shorts, also crouching and smiling. The tent is partially set up, with its poles visible. In the background, there are trees and a clear blue sky. A white dog is visible in the lower right corner. The overall scene is bright and sunny.

SCOUTS New Zealand took the approach that Scouting would not stop during a pandemic. SCOUTS New Zealand would not stop Scouting, rather, we would change our delivery model to ensure our young people experienced the benefits of scouting (Community, connection, and consistency) from home.



SCOUTS New Zealand refreshed their website, created Scouting from Home programme for the

members which was featured on *scout.org* as one of the best practice pandemic responses for a NSO.

We supported our adult leaders to transition to online Scouting, focusing on maintaining the community, connection, and consistency during lock down.



We have come out of the lock down with more youth members than we entered.

We spoke to every one of our 360 Group leaders to conduct welfare checks and to see what support local groups needed.

We have engaged 1,300 families who have used the Scouting from Home programme (in addition to our 13,000 youth members).

We ran a public engagement cam-

We deployed a salesforce to all of our youth members and volunteers creating a child safe online social platform aligned to our strategic plan and Scout method.

We held country wide video conference calls to provide transparency and connection to our group leader during the pandemic.

We provided groups a resuming Scouting tool kit to support them to return to face to face Scouting.

paign to connect with the wider NZ Community getting national news coverage on both Radio and TV. The public engagement campaign enrolled 1,300 families in our free Covid 19 Scouting from Home programme.

We engaged in weekly sector engagement in the Sport and Recreation sector and Youth Development Sectors providing information, advice, and input to the government's response plan and policy formation. We made Scouting free for young people and groups during the second school term.





PAKISTAN

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If anything else is done with good intentions, dedication and hard work, the results are always positive.

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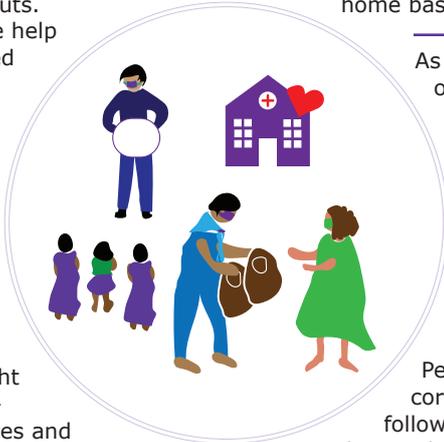
-- Sabir Hussain Niazi, Secretary, Pakistan Boy Scouts Association

The difficulties and worries, needs and unawareness of the people were identified during the activity. Many of them do not know how to avoid this insidious disease. The Scouts went to such areas, warned them to avoid the virus, and presented masks, gloves, sanitizers and food items.

Scouts helped and trained the local community in washing hands and also disinfected their houses, shops, mosques, and institutions. During the lock down, food items were distributed by Scouts.

Moreover, with the help of locally translated literature, awareness was generated among the public.

Scouts and leaders delivered support to people with masks, sanitizers, gloves, and brought food at their doorstep, working places and in the streets.



Partners

- AJK Boy Scout Association
- Balochistan Boy Scouts Association
- FATA Boy Scouts Association
- Gilgit Baltistan Boy Scouts Association
- Islamabad Boy Scouts Association
- KPK Boy Scouts Association
- Pak. Railways Scouts Association
- PIA Boy Scouts Association
- Punjab Boy Scouts Association
- Sindh Boy Scouts Association
- Provincial/National Open Scouts

The campaigns and activities happened all over Pakistan with Scouts and Leaders taking the lead with zeal and zest. All such activities continue either in the field or through home based activities.

As such there are no official statistics, but on average between 670 Scouts (Boy and Rovers) were trained on first aid, emergency preparedness, etc. from each province, along with registered Scout open groups.

People became aware of corona virus and people followed the precautionary instructions given by the Scouts to keep themselves from the disease.



Boy Scouts of the Philippines supports the “Bayanihan To Heal As One Act” and “Scouts Stay at Home Campaign.”

Although Scouting activities in the international, national, regional and local council levels were suspended due to the current health issue, Scouting Never Stops. We promote Scouting inside the safety of our homes where we can still enjoy Scouting.

The campaigns address the 3 million members of the BSP, who are staying at home and abiding protocols established by the government on its fight against COVID-19. This includes observing frequent handwashing, sanitizing using alcohol, social distancing, staying at home, and following proper coughing and sneezing etiquette.



PHILIPPINES

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According to our Scouts, one of their best experiences is loving to see their plants grow as well as picking and cooking the vegetables they planted. Their garden encourage them on waste reduction by using kitchen wastes as garden fertilizers, teaching them to prevent pollution since there are no chemicals used and they treat gardening as an outdoor exercise and stress reliever.

-- Alen Paul Madriaga, Cabantuan City Council,
Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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E-Scouting PH offered an adaptive way to continue the Scouting activities online through a flagship #ScoutsWebinar. Scouts were engaged with series of webinars facilitated by experts in each topic. Topics include the Programmes under the Better World Framework, and technical knowledge on Urban Agriculture and others.



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Creating a better world starts with a single action. We adhere and follow the same banner with WOSM. We cannot achieve changes without stepping forward and take action. Results take time but time matters. Lead by example.

-- Scouter Carlo Psul B. Ubaldo, Camarines City Council, Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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BSP has actively taken part in the fight against COVID-19 by supporting government efforts. Some notable actions include using BSP properties (hotels, scout camp sites) as quarantine facilities and accommodation for medical staff workers and COVID patients. Scouts are also very active in providing Personal Protective Equipment such as medical masks and suits as well food relief to the front liners.



In preparation to Distance Learning Protocol, Scouts from Cabanatuan City Council organized a donation drive in order to provide facemasks, bond papers and printer ink to selected schools which can be utilized in preparing modules for the students who do not have access to internet and gadgets.

In July, Scouts from Camarines Sur Council organized a Book Donation Drive which aims to help to have a small library in schools situated in far flung areas in Camarines Sur that have no access to electricity and internet.



Brighton Venturers were able to raise funds through social media to produce and acquire washable facemasks and food relief for distribution to homeless people and frontliners (police officers, street, security guards, army, policemen, delivery men and medical staff). Another Rover Scout troop in Cabanatuan City partnered with various organizations such as Knights of Columbus and JCI Philippines to raise funds for the purchase of relief packs for distribution to barangay frontliners (Tanods) who are assisting in quarantine checkpoints in the communities.



BSP, in partnership with Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Plant Industry, started a project called Urban Agriculture Project under the "Ahon Lahat, Pagkain Sapat Kontra sa Covid-19" or more commonly known as "ALPAS sa Covid-19". The project aims to ensure food availability in Metro Manila and other selected cities and provinces, and be able to provide an alternative source of livelihood contributing to economic gains for our urban dwellers amidst the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ).



Partners

- Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Plant Industry
- City Agriculture Office Naga City
- Knights of Columbus Council 8226
- JCI Philippines Cabanatuan City BSP Local Council (Cabanatuan City)
- Bicol University PICE

SINGAPORE





The Singapore Scout Association (SSA) launched the Scouting from Home, encouraging the Cubs and Scouts to do indoor activities with their family and join their Scout peers in learning new things while at home. The initiative also helps Scouts progress towards earning their proficiency badges. Appreciating the spirit of resilience of the Scouts, SSA gave certificates endorsed by Chief Commissioner Antong S. Rahmat for the top ten stories uploaded in Facebook and Instagram.

The National Training Team has started conducting online courses through Zoom. A total of 28 Trainers shared their experiences and learned from each other at its first online Train the Trainer course, so better training can be offered for adult leaders.





SRI LANKA

“Save Nation - Save Life” is a National Level Community Service Project organized by Sri Lanka Scout Association (SLSA) in collaboration with the Health Promotion Bureau to increase public awareness on prevention of COVID-19 disease. As a member of the world’s largest educational youth movement, SLSA takes the leadership to convey important messages to the community using different modalities to save the nation from the health pandemic.



The 17 Districts of SLSA connected digitally to celebrate Earth Hour 2020 with the Raise your Voice for Nature Challenge on 28 March 2020. More than 25 videos from 17 Districts were received and are available on Facebook.

SLSA also released a COVID-19 CHAT BOT to widen awareness on the pandemic as well as provide information on preventive measures. More than 2,000 Scouts are actively using the Chat bot to obtain information. Scouts also joined the Myth Busting Challenge to increase awareness on the disease by giving myth busting messages to the general public using audio-visual platforms.

To introduce the Better World Framework to Scouts, SLSA organized a webinar series using Zoom and Facebook live supported by the Asia-Pacific Support Centre and Global Support Centre.



To ensure the Scouting at Home concept of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) during COVID-19 outbreak, Messengers of Peace (MoP) national core team of SLSA initiated a 7-day challenge targeting all levels of Scouting using Facebook. Scouts from more than 20 Scout districts of Sri Lanka and Scouts from Malaysia, India, Pakistan, Maldives, Nepal, Singapore, Indonesia and Philippines also took part in the challenge. Those who completed the 7-day challenge were awarded with sticker and e-Certificate. The challenge consists of: (1) Read selected campfire yarns from "Scouting for Boys" and recall your unforgettable Scouting memories, (2) Plant a tree in your garden and contribute to create a green world (3) Prepare lunch with your family and have a nice family time, (4) Listen to Scouting Songs and share them with your friends, (5) Watch some Scouting movies and have a novel experience (6) Involve in good deeds throughout the day and share your experience with Scout friends and (7) Celebrate Vesak festival in a meaningful way using advanced or new technology.



- Rover Section of Sri Lanka Scout Association in collaboration with Better World Framework – SLSA has introduced 6 activity kits for Senior Scouts, Rovers and Ex- Rovers based on the Better World Framework initiatives. Registration process has already started and over 300 registered. Activity kits will be launched in a similar manner.
- World Scout Environment Program section of SLSA will initiate the “World Scout Environment Program and Scout Go Solar Project” targeting all levels of Scouting.
- Virtual singing show to commemorate Poson poya day was held on 6 June 2020 via Zoom and Facebook live.



More than 300 videos from 18 Districts were uploaded on Facebook on the Safe Hands Challenge of the World Health Organization (WHO) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Different posters were made with the help of Health Promotion Bureau, WHO and UNDP Sri Lanka and were shared with Scouts to increase their awareness on the disease. The posters and videos were uploaded on Facebook and has reached 10,000 Scouts and the general public.

SLSA, with the support of WOSM/APR, conducted a project entitled SL Scouts Care which supports 50 Scout families in each district and provided them dry rations to the value of USD 20/- which is sufficient for a week.

Rations were distributed in their doorstep by Rovers and Adult Leaders of the District so that recipients can continue to stay home and stay safe. Selection of deserving Scout families was done in a transparent procedure and the District Commissioner certified and authenticated every recipient's social standing.



A group of people, including children and adults, wearing face masks and holding hand sanitizer, likely participating in a health safety activity. The word "THAILAND" is overlaid in large, colorful, stylized letters.

THAILAND

Thailand is heavily affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as the virus spread all over the country. There is shortage of masks, face shields, alcohol gel wash, cleaning solutions, among others. These problems prompted Scouts to do volunteer activities including raising funds and video production, which were very useful and well received.



To raise awareness and protect the public from the spread of the virus, the MoP team created video tutorials to teach people on how to create and use improvised face shields to protect themselves.



To help people who are affected by the pandemic, the team collected donations and distributed to selected beneficiaries. They also organized distribution of milk and worksheets for students in mountain areas where internet connectivity is a challenge.



“

Encouragement is one of the most important things in this situation. I'm glad to see many strangers coming out to help each other

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-- Banyatip Commee





We will do more activities to help people who are affected by COVID-19 in hospitals and to continue sharing food.



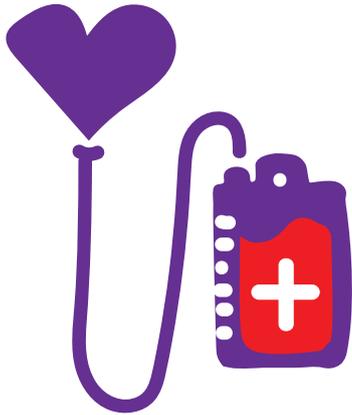
Learnings

The value of volunteering and sharing is ignited in giving help to medical staff. Scouts also learned ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to avoid risks of getting infected.



The MoP Team produced COVID-19 prevention video “7 Things to Prevent COVID-19” led by teachers to inform the public on protecting themselves from the virus, while encouraging other Scouts to expand the information campaign.

The MoP Team also organized a tiktok challenge to provide knowledge and enhance awareness while having fun and staying at home.



The MoP team organized blood donation at Phetchabun Hospital and Chulalongkorn Hospital to support the medical personnel and alleviate the shortage of blood. The team also donated face shields to the hospitals.

In addition, the team launched a cards making activity to encourage medical personnel and frontliners.

Participants

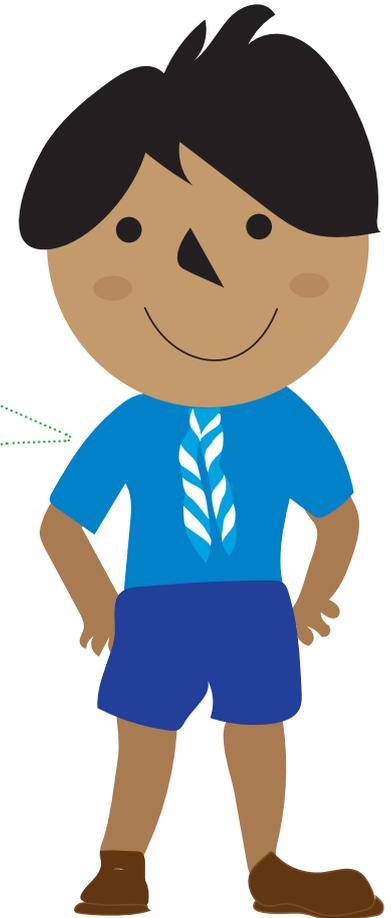
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Field Actions– Almost 100 Scouts and almost 100 Adult Leaders

Beneficiaries

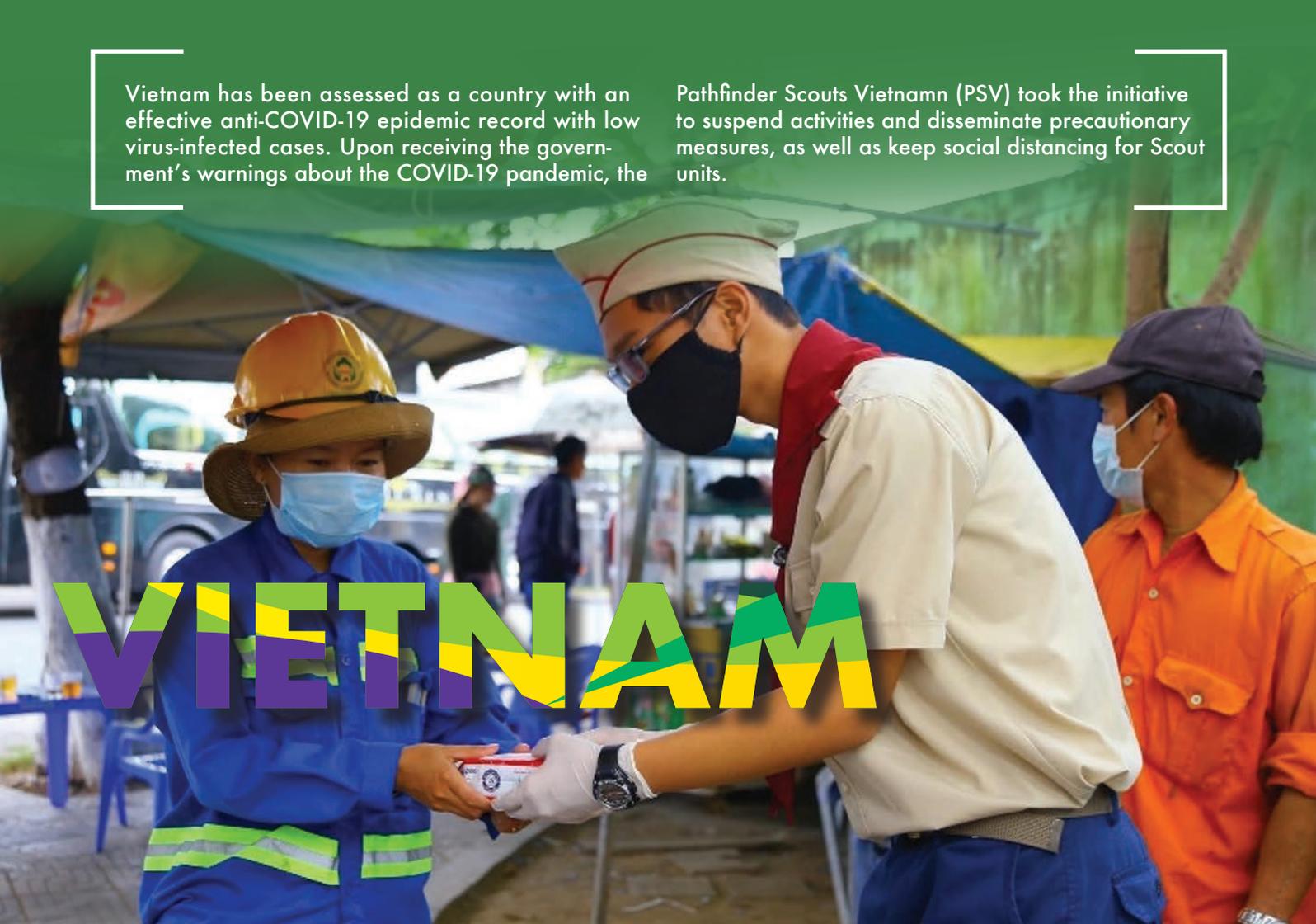
Virtual – Almost 500 Scouts, almost 500 Adult Leaders and around 1,000 Non-Scouts

Field Actions– Around 250 Scouts and almost 400 Adult Leaders



Vietnam has been assessed as a country with an effective anti-COVID-19 epidemic record with low virus-infected cases. Upon receiving the government's warnings about the COVID-19 pandemic, the

Pathfinder Scouts Vietnamn (PSV) took the initiative to suspend activities and disseminate precautionary measures, as well as keep social distancing for Scout units.



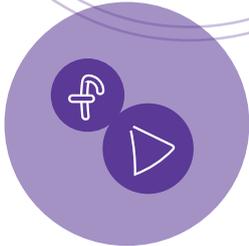
VIETNAM

PSV organized online conferences, distance training and creative ways to communicate happily like singing via video, communicate through social media, join JOTA-JOTI activities, draw pictures at home, among others.



Learnings

- Scouts learned to comply with recommendations of the government and the health sector.
- Unit heads were fully informed to fully carry out social distancing in the units.
- Promote safe Scouting activities that are useful to the health situation.



Some Scouts who are doctors and medical staff members treated COVID-19 patients as well as provided health-care to people who had contacts with infected patients.



“

We are happy to find that PSV members are safe from COVID-19. We also have some actions to support our communities to raise their awareness and to learn prevention tips while maintaining the Scout spirit.

”

Participants

Virtual – 25 Scouts, 9 Adult Leaders and 21 Non-Scouts

Field Actions– 21 Scouts, 7 Adult Leaders and 4 Non-Scouts

Beneficiaries

Virtual – 156 Scouts, 43 Adult Leaders and 12 Non-Scouts

Field – 165 Scouts, 45 Adult Leaders and 32 Non-Scouts



Some PSV units mobilized donations of food and medical supplies (masks, hand wash, rubber gloves, etc.) to help poor people overcome difficulties. Other Scouts carried out information activities to raise public awareness in minimizing infection in the community.



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