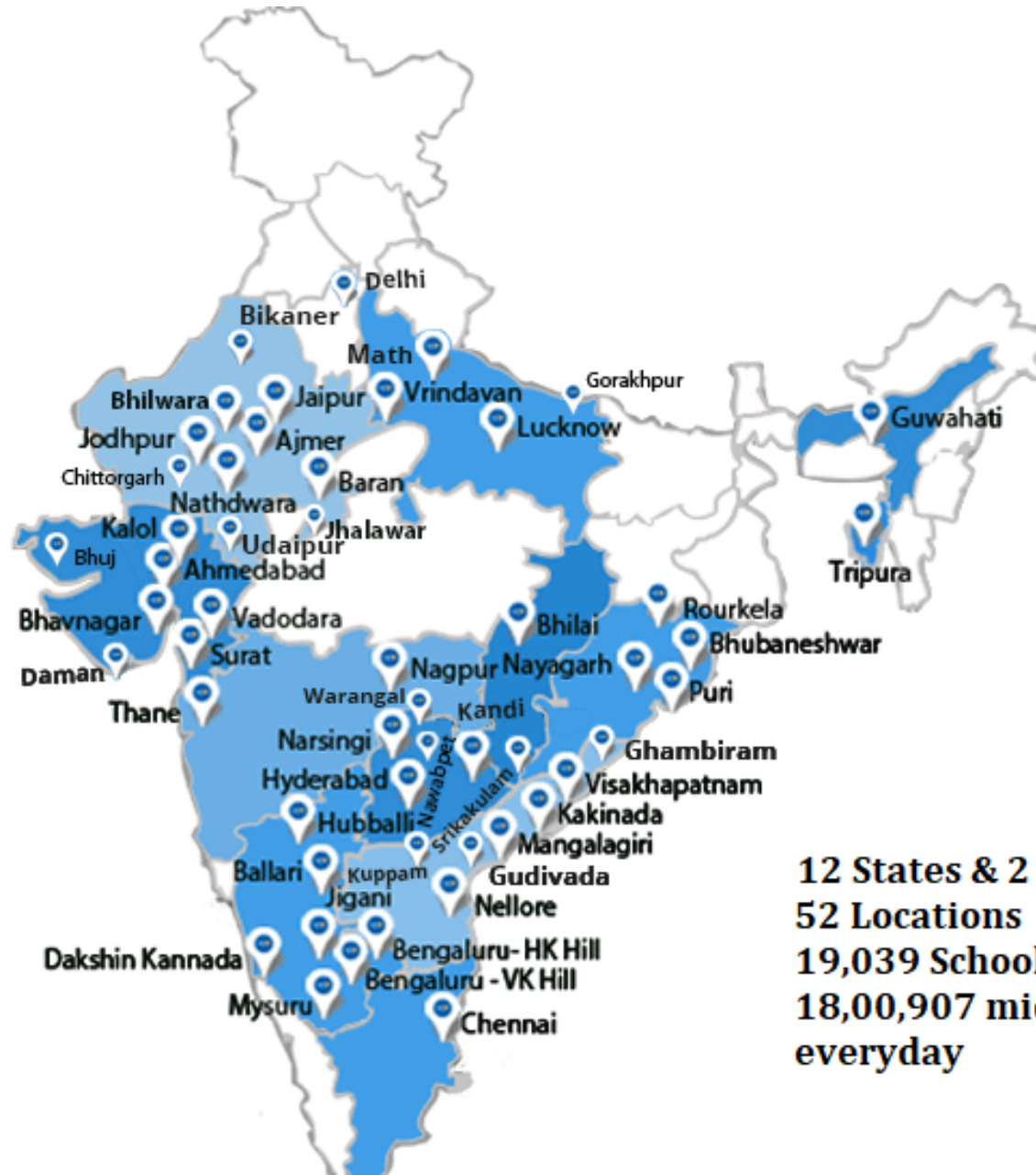


Role of NGOs in Nutrition Delivery to MDM Beneficiaries During COVID-19



The Reach of Akshaya Patra Foundation



12 States & 2 Union Territories
52 Locations
19,039 Schools
18,00,907 mid day meals
everyday



How It All Began...

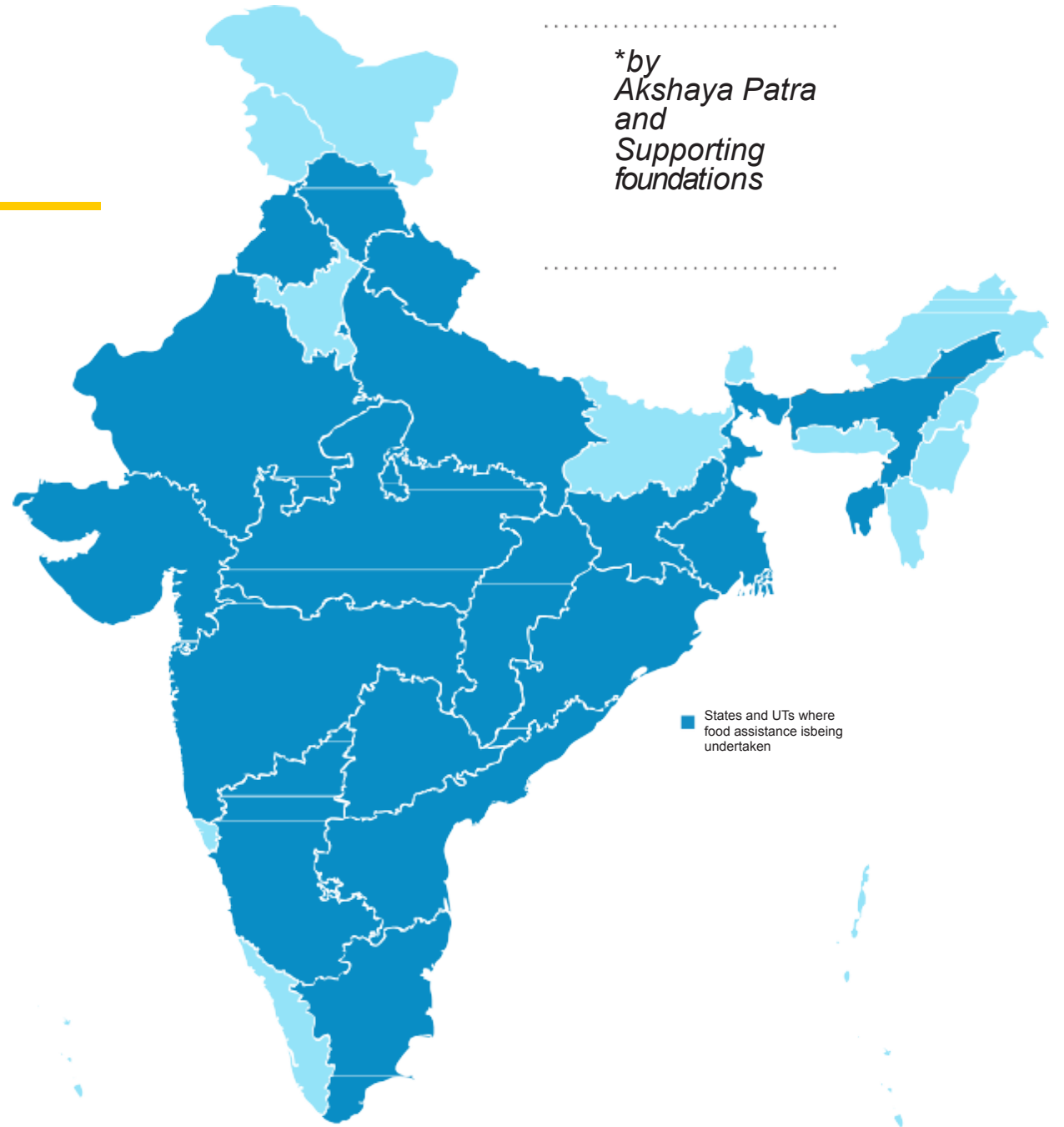
Looking out of a window, one day in Mayapur, a hamlet near Calcutta, Srila Prabhupada, saw a group of children fighting with stray dogs over scraps of food.

From this heart-breaking incident, was born a determination that:

“No child within a radius of ten miles from our centre should go hungry”

Akshaya Patra's COVID-19 Food Assistance

5 Months
80 Million Meals*
52 Locations
18 States & 2 UTs



COVID-19 Pandemic and Food Security Crisis

A pandemic is often accompanied by a food security crisis.

An estimated 2 billion people globally did not have regular access to safe, nutritious and sufficient food.

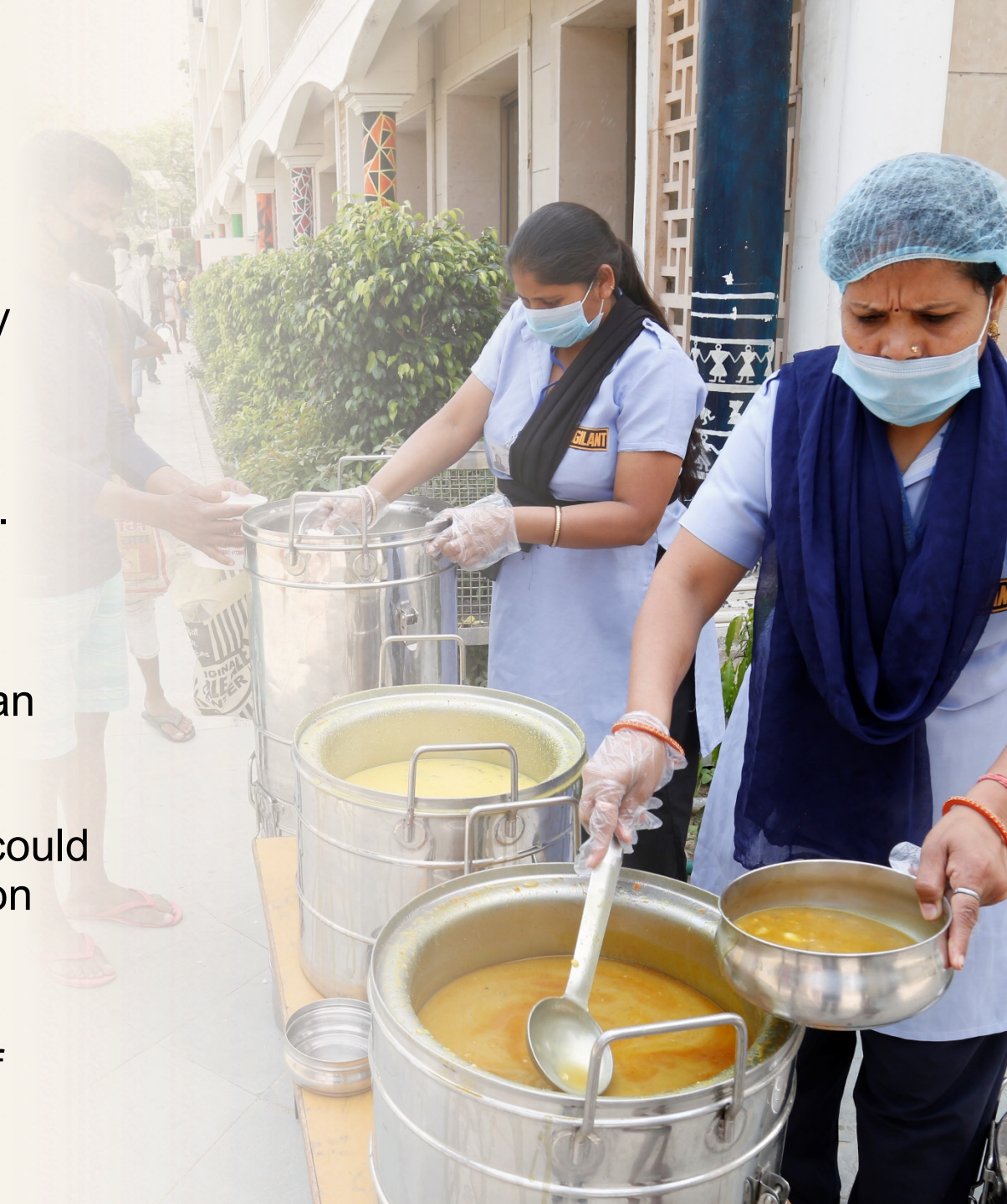
*Source: State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2019

The situation has further worsened due to the COVID-19 pandemic with millions of people facing an unprecedented food security crisis.

The number of people facing acute food insecurity could nearly double this year from 130 million to 265 million due to the economic fallout of COVID-19.

Source: United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP)

Food assistance is an important component of relief efforts during disasters.





Capabilities

Mindful of the role of food assistance in humanitarian efforts, Akshaya Patra has always strived to aid the Government's relief efforts.

- Undertake large-scale feeding operations as disaster response
- Dedicated staff trained to operate during disaster situations, while maintaining high quality and standards
- Skills and resources to expeditiously set up cooking and feeding infrastructure
- A mobile kitchen (Kitchen on Wheels) to support disaster relief
- Leverage donor relationship for feeding operations and activities beyond the School Feeding Programme (SFP)
- Other forms of food distribution such as the supply of ration, biscuits, etc.
- Mobilising volunteers for food relief efforts

Akshaya Patra's COVID-19 Food Assistance

Mobilised resources and leveraged partnerships for food assistance during the pandemic.

Served cooked meals and distributed food relief kits with essential groceries.

Cumulatively served nearly 80 million meals across 18 states and two union territories to migrant daily-wage earners, construction labourers, industrial workers, etc.

46 million freshly cooked meals and nearly 8 lakh food relief kits (798,856) 33 million meal servings.

Akshaya Patra is playing a direct role in service delivery and helping ensure that food reaches the most vulnerable and underserved sections of society.



Delhi NCR



Karnataka



Gujarat



Madhya Pradesh



Maharashtra



Odisha



Rajasthan



Telangana



Uttar Pradesh



West Bengal



Tripura



Assam



Andhra Pradesh





Impact

Food assistance over a period of five months to address immediate food insecurity that has compounded as a result of the pandemic.

Active contribution to food and nutrition security of the vulnerable populations, especially children.

Aid to wider demography at the pan-India level through a well-established network to support disaster relief.

Minimised risks of health issues arising from food and nutrition insecurity.

Efficient management and utilisation of resources from public and private sectors by leveraging the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model for emergency response.

Children

As the implementing partner of the Government's MDM Programme, we are committed to the responsibility of providing wholesome meals to children.

In addition to providing food relief kits to families from vulnerable communities, we have also started distributing Happiness Boxes to our beneficiary children.

Happiness Boxes focus on nutrition, immunity, hygiene and education with their contents ranging from packets of glucose biscuits and ragi flour to dental kit and stationery.

We have distributed over 7,000 boxes in Bengaluru as of now and intend to reach out to our beneficiaries in other locations in a phase-wise manner.



Improving Food and Nutrition Security – 3 Pronged approach

Food and nutrition assistance by identifying the pockets of hunger and address the need in a very targeted approach

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Investment in Agriculture sector, i.e., production, supply chain and logistics, while ironing out last-mile delivery issues

Income assistance to provide stable economic support to vulnerable populations and help them deal with household-level insecurities

Child-centric Programmes

Redesign the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme menu for higher nutrition value

Arrangements to provide ration kits/mid-day meal kits containing sufficient food with adequate nutrition to beneficiaries

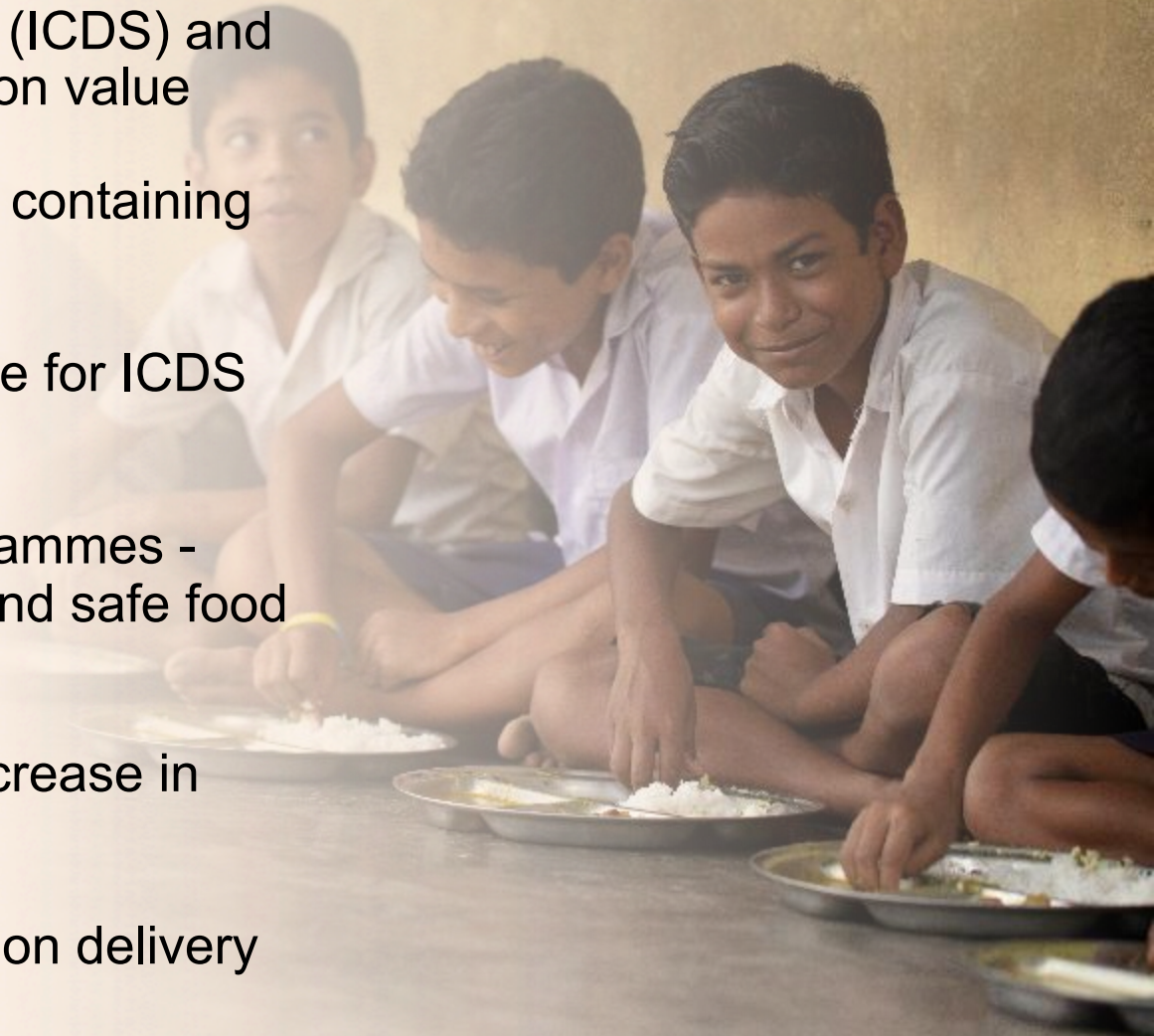
Additional supplementation which is nutritionally dense for ICDS beneficiaries and children with acute malnutrition

Ensure safety in the implementation of nutrition programmes -
Intensive training to all the stakeholders on hygiene and safe food handling

A more holistic approach to deal with the expected increase in malnutrition levels in children and school dropouts

Local context-specific simplified approaches for nutrition delivery

Push for a national breakfast programme



Post-COVID Situation

Food and nutrition security, as well as other social issues, are likely to be compounded in the post-COVID world

The need to step up our efforts to address these issues by reorienting ourselves in accordance with the new scenario

NGOs have been playing a key role in delivery services to vulnerable communities. In the post-COVID world, they will have a bigger role to play

- Work together to find sustainable solutions
- Leverage their partnerships with the Government, donors and other Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)
- Channelize their collective efforts towards social welfare

Collaborations and partnerships at a global level - One of the foremost thing we will have to do with immediate effect is to make food and nutrition security a common goal.

Thank You

