



World Food Programme

# School Meals in India

## Tracking State Government Responses to COVID-19

SAVING LIVES  
CHANGING LIVES

28 August 2020



# Guidelines Issued by the Ministry of Education in response to COVID-19

*20<sup>th</sup> March, 2020- to provide mid-day meals in schools or dry rations in lieu of cooked meals, or provide a food security allowance in lieu of mid-day meals to school children, wherein the cost of food grains and cooking cost should be transferred to the beneficiary accounts*

29 April '20

- States and UTs will continue to provide Mid-day meals even during summer vacations.
- For summer vacations, states and UTs shall ensure implementation of the provisions within seven days of start of summer vacations.
- The dry ration may be pre packed and distributed either door-to-door, or at the schools or at any other convenient places like PDS outlets etc.

31 July '20

- States and UTs are advised to decide the items and their quantities to be provided to children as per the entitlements using the per meal cooking cost along with the food grains.
- The state and UTs are advised to take necessary actions to provide the Food Security Allowance comprising of food grains and pulses, oil etc (equivalent to cooking cost) to all the eligible children.

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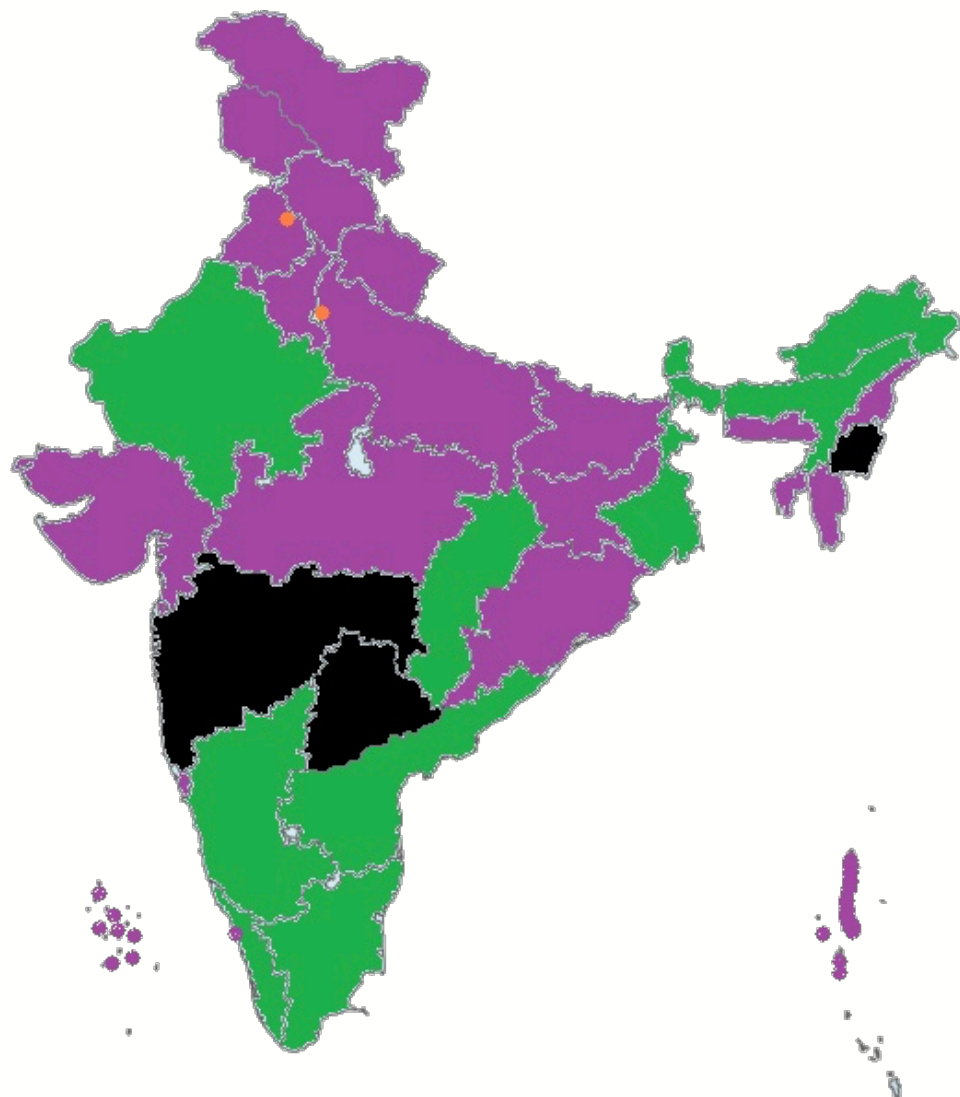
- States and UTs are requested to ensure provision of pulses, oil etc instead of transferring the cooking cost to children / their parent's bank accounts

The **NFSA 2013** legally entitles upto

**75%** of the rural population &  
**50%** of the urban population to receive subsidized food grains under TPDS.

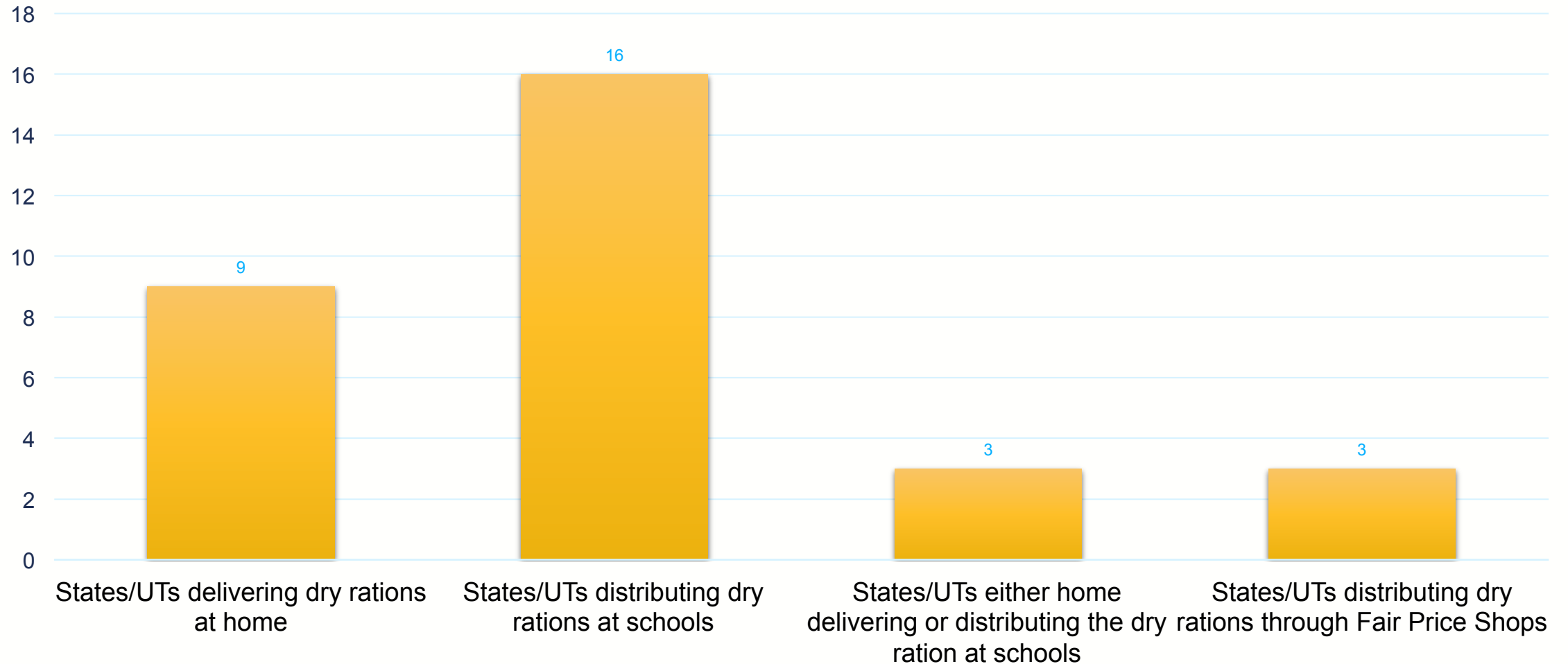
The Mid-day meal is part of the NFSA

# States' Response to COVID-19: Actions Taken



Category of states/ UTs	Map Gradient	No. of states/ UTs	Names of states/UTs
Distributing <b>dry ration (food grains)</b> only	Purple	10	Andhra Pradesh, Sikkim, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Assam, West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh.
Distributing <b>dry ration (food grains)</b> and the cooking cost	Green	21	Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Dadra & Nagar Haveli & Daman & Diu, Jammu & Kashmir, Lakshwadeep, Puducherry, Ladakh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Himachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Uttarakhand, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Tripura, Mizoram, Goa, Odisha, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh.
Distributing <b>Food Security Allowance</b> only	Orange	2	Chandigarh, Delhi
States with Mid-Day Meal Scheme NOT FUNCTIONAL or NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE	Black	3	Telangana, Maharashtra, Manipur

# Modalities of Dry Ration Distribution by States/UTs



## Kerala

Rice+green gram+toor dal+Bengal gram+wheat flour+sugar+salt+spices ( coriander, turmeric and chilly).



## Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu

Rice+toor dal+oil+sukhdi



Eg. of food baskets from the states

## Mizoram

Rice+pulses+potato+nutrella

## Chhattisgarh

Rice+pulses+salt+pickle+oil+soya bari



## Andhra Pradesh

Dry ration+eggs+chikkis



## Uttar Pradesh

Rice+wheat



# Best Practices in MDM COVID-19 Response Across India

## GUJARAT

The dry ration being distributed at the schools to the parents through vouchers.



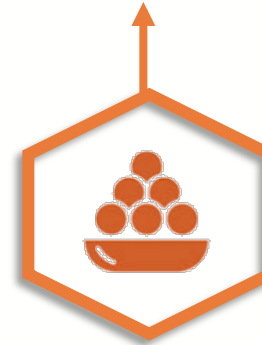
## ODISHA

Coupon with unique UDISE ID assigned to the students to get dry ration from the Fair Price Shops.



## DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI, DAMAN & DIU

Sukhdi-A nutritious sweet made from wheat flour, jaggery and ghee being given along with dry ration.



## SIKKIM

Dry ration+cooking ingredients distributed till September 2020



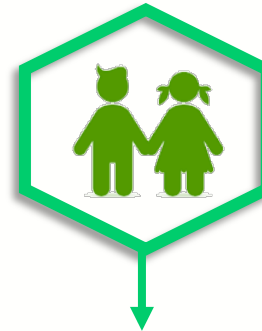
## ANDHRA PRADESH

Dry ration to 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade+eggs and chikki to children using state resources



## WEST BENGAL

Along with dry ration, soaps and sanitizer also being given



## JAMMU & KASHMIR

Around 8.29 lakh children given dry rations and cooking cost in the second phase (June-July)



## PUNJAB

Dry ration being home delivered by the cook-cum-helpers.



The dry ration being home delivered in Andhra Pradesh



Dry ration being given to children in Chhattisgarh



Distribution of dry ration in Uttar Pradesh



Food kits ready to be transported to a school in Kerala

## Glimpses of distribution of dry ration for the children in different states