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ROLE OF INDIA'S ASHAS IN COVID-19 IN INDIA

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Feminism in India is an award –winning digital intersectional Feminist media organization to learn, educate and develop a feminist sensibility among the youth .It is required to unravel the Feminist sensibility among the youth. It is required to unravel the F-word and demystify the negativity surrounding it.

The million women working on India's covid-19 Frontlines. -

These female health workers are India's first line of covid-19 defense –many ostracized by their own families, assaulted by suspected patients and working without protective gear.

(Urmila Patel-a 40 year old accredited social health activist or Asha goes door to door in the western Indian state of Maharashtra conducting survey s checking for corona virus symptoms and educating people about precautions .People most realize that the health care workers are risking their own lives for us.We need to protect them to protect ourselves.

Battling a dangerous disease Ashas who are treated as volunteers in live of permanent govt employees are not entitled to employment benefits like insurance, pensions, leave all ounces or regularized salaries.

They have no workers rights and are not receptions of govt privileges said Bhattacharya.

Yadgiri with “utmost commitment during the ongoing crisis and most receive all the support from their families, the society as well as the state.

“These are young women, many of them widows and divorces or women either small children's and infants yet working on covid-19 risking their lives.”

The Foot soldiers

According to the central govt scheme the primary duties of ASHAS are ensuring institutional deliveries for expected mothers and maintain sound maternal and neonatal health.

However ,over the years ASHAS have been deployed to help fight a number of diseases including dengue, leprosy malaria, tuberculosis and now covid-19

Ashas are the foot soldiers in India 's battle against the dreaded covid-19said K somashekhar yadgiri, state resident of the Karnataka Asha workers union with-

“They are out there in the villages and slums all over the country since march 25 creating awareness about the pandemic and collecting data on travel visitors of people as well as corona virus symptoms. The entire covid-19 battle rests on the information and services they provide at the grassroots level.

Abused assaulted pelted with stones.

While many Asha have faced stark opposition from their families for their health care work during the pandemic others have encountered pandemic others have encountered violence during their home to home surveys.

A mole of 100 people for instance ,assaulted a group of Asha workers who aware collecting data on people with cough ,cold and fever symptoms in Karnataka in early April, similar reports have also emerged from other Indian states includes Odisha, Telgana, Uttarpardesh, Haryana and Bihar.

There is immense stigma attached to the disease and people don't want to declare symptoms or that they could be covid-19 carriers. When Asha approach them they get ripped and attacked. Every life in this population is at risk.

“Most for a population of 1000 to 1100 each corona virus surveys are especially challenging since every life in this population is at risk said Dubey are Asha workers.

So we are doubly precautions about and safety.

In order to aid Asha workers non profit organizations like the Telgana based sulaksha sewa samiti are distributing masks, sanitizers immunity –buildings foods, like almond milk among the community health workers.

Santosh manduva the founder and president of the organizations said that the Indian govt is taken measures to ensure that essential like masks and sanitizers reach ASHAS across the country .(These are young women ,many of them widows, and divorces or women with all childrens.

Thus their dedication is exemplary .