

Basic interventions and direct benefits

The health desks established at the Krishnanagar and Jamunaha Ground Crossing Points were particularly engaged in COVID-19 testing. To address the needs and gaps in the service delivery to the migrants, Kapilvastu Integrated Development Services (KIDS), a local partner for the project, has been engaged in providing safe and regular crossing for migrants amid COVID-19 through the 'Effective case management by strengthening isolation centers and ground crossing points management for rapid response and preparedness against COVID-19' project. The project has been implemented by the International Organization for Migration, with the financial support from the European Union European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations and in implementing partnership with the Save the Children.

'We are prioritizing strengthening the health, WASH and protection services. We have built safe waiting spaces and breastfeeding corners for migrants. Drinking water filtration plants have been installed to provide cool drinking water and hand washing stations have been provisioned as well. The Case Management Officers are present at the GCPs to screen the migrants and identify for any need and as identified, we provide referral support.' - Surendra Sapkota, Project Coordinator, KIDS

'I'm travelling back home from India. I work as a cook in a restaurant in Lucknow and I'm coming home for festivals. I needed to rest for a while and clean myself as I have been travelling for hours. I'm using this safe waiting spaces after cleaning my face and hand at the handwashing station. It is good to see this space being utilized to benefit the migrants.' – Returnee migrant at the Jamunaha GCP