



National Platform for Small Scale Fish Workers (I)

ADVISORY

for fishing communities to take on corona virus

Fish worker community is a community with major number of migrants to other occupations and areas. As such this community should be very vigilant about its members coming home from outside and possible contraction of infection. **All the general instructions for protection, including Lock Down, social distancing and maintenance of hygiene should be translated into the specific community situation and have to be strictly followed.**

Fishers, Fish Farmers, Fish Vendors, Fish sorters and Dryers should practice the following:

- Marine fishing requires collective activity. Each fisher team should ensure that none of their members have any related symptom before coming together to go for fishing;
- Fishing crews in larger boats going for multi-day fishing should ensure that no fish worker with related symptoms board the boat. Multi-day fishing should be avoided as much as possible. All fish landing centres and fishing harbours should ensure thermal screening of fish workers boarding on and alighting from fishing vessels with follow-up measures. Masks should be kept on board for use of any crew member who may show symptoms while on fishing voyage;
- Immediate voluntary quarantine and follow-up test with treatment should be resorted to in the event of any fish worker showing symptoms of corona sickness on or off the work in fishing;
- While transporting the fish masks should be used, with adequate hand washing before and after transportation. Avoid touching face or nose.
- Many fish vendors or fish sorters and dryers come together to transact and work on the beach. They should have masks and wash their hands as often as possible. Avoid touching face or nose.
- Auction centres, either on the beach or at designated places are the next points of mass contact. The fishers and fish vendors, marine or inland, who attend the auction centres for selling and buying fish, must use masks and have facilities for recurrent and adequate hand wash with soap-water. Avoid touching face or nose.
- Fish vendors should use masks and have soap-water for recurrent and adequate hand washing.

The civil administration should be requested to ensure -

- A. Easy and prompt access to medical advice, test and treatment (essential in lockdown period);
- B. Adequate supply of ration with cooking fuel to the small scale fish workers;
- C. Monetary allowance to attend to other essential needs during lock-down and affected period;
- D. Supply of masks with proper instructions on its use and use of soap water.
- E. Awareness building campaigns in fishing community hubs in collaboration with local fish worker organisations.

Do Not Panic.

We Can Break the Chain of Corona Virus Infection.

We Will Do It.