The first case of COVID-19 in the Indian state of Assam was reported on 31 March 2020 and is spreading at an alarming speed. The severity of this global pandemic has an adverse impact on lives and livelihood of the people especially the poor and marginalized.

The nation’s lockdown has been chaotic for those living in poverty. It triggered a humanitarian crisis when many had to suffer from a shortage of food supplies, malnutrition, domestic violence, poor health condition and conflicts within the communities.

Mercy Relief responded by carrying out immediate relief aid and assistance to the vulnerable families living in the floodplain of Golaghat. From 12 May 2020 to 18 May 2020, family kits consisting of food ration and hygiene products were handed to help cushion the impact of the pandemic.

Distribution of family kits in twelve villages benefiting 6000 individuals.

Each family kit contains daily essentials including non-perishable food items and hygiene support catered for a family of six for up to ten days.

COVID-19 prevention measures awareness in the community benefiting 1000 households.

"We have been living in this No. 2 Balchapani gaon since many decades ago. Every year we face flooding as our village is surrounded geographically by the three rivers system of Brahmaputra, Galiati and Dhansiri. This time, however, the lockdown in our area made us even more vulnerable. Not only have we lost our agriculture and kitchen garden market, but our daily wage is also severely affected. The family kit has provided us with some level of comfort during this difficult time. Thank you, Mercy Relief."