

WELCOME TO BIHAR

You have now made it to the end point of the game. You are in Bihar and you must now choose between moving into a shelter or moving into your home village. Moving to a shelter is good if you are more concerned about exposing your loved ones to COVID-19, but it adds the stress of being removed from loved ones and living in close proximity with others. On the other hand, moving home is important for morale and your own health safety, but it can put the safety of your family at risk. Please choose your final place based on your resources and take into account the concerns of your character.

One challenging aspect of the game is the limit of resources. While you were able to acquire some resources along the way, the journey was primarily a sink for your resources. You were able to share resources with your fellow travelers, but it was probably unlikely because everyone was in a challenging position to survive. Even with the best of intentions to support your fellow migrant workers, it is not always feasible with the constraints on your own resources. The travelers must look out for their own health and survival even if there is a desire to help others.

Furthermore, while on your journey to Bihar you did not contract COVID-19. We chose not to include this aspect in our game to show how even without the virus, the journey is incredibly challenging to survive and depletes health along the way. However, this is not accurate of the journey migrant workers take. It is estimated that one in four Indian migrant workers traveling from New Delhi to Bihar during the lockdown contract COVID-19. It is an extremely high ratio and expresses the incredible vulnerability of this population. We hope that by playing this game, it became clear that traveling home during the lockdown is a major risk to one's life and that the potential to contract COVID-19, in an already vulnerable state of health, is very high.