

13 Assessment of Impact of MGNREGA

The main findings of the beneficiary survey in terms of the impact of MGNREGA on their lifestyle, etc., are summarised below:

Criteria	Findings
MGNREGA bringing significant changes in lifestyle	82 <i>per cent</i> indicated that there was a change in lifestyle, while 18 <i>per cent</i> indicated in the negative. All beneficiaries in Ranga Reddy, Vizianagaram, Kurnool (Chagallamarri mandal), Visakhapatnam (Kotaraula mandal) and Nalgonda (Chintapalli mandal) stated that there was a change in their lifestyle, while all beneficiaries in Butchayapeta and Sabbavaram mandals of Visakhapatnam district stated that they could not attribute the change in lifestyle only to MGNREGA (classified under not sure/don't know).
MGNREGA helped to avoid going hungry	78 <i>per cent</i> beneficiaries responded in the positive, 2 <i>per cent</i> responded in the negative, 20 <i>per cent</i> did not respond/were not sure.
MGNREGA helped to have better quality of food	79 <i>per cent</i> responded in the positive, 3 <i>per cent</i> responded in the negative, 18 <i>per cent</i> did not respond/were not sure.
MGNREGA helped to avoid migration	73 <i>per cent</i> responded in the positive, 10 <i>per cent</i> responded in the negative, 17 <i>per cent</i> did not respond/were not sure.
MGNREGA spared children from domestic/other work so that they could go to school	74 <i>per cent</i> responded in the positive, 3 <i>per cent</i> responded in the negative, 23 <i>per cent</i> did not respond/were not sure.
Change in family income because of MGNREGA	49 <i>per cent</i> indicated a marginal improvement, 32 <i>per cent</i> reported 50 <i>per cent</i> increase, 10 <i>per cent</i> reported doubling of income, 9 <i>per cent</i> indicated no change in income.
MGNREGA helped to reduce debts	65 <i>per cent</i> responded in the positive, 12 <i>per cent</i> responded in the negative, 23 <i>per cent</i> did not respond/were not sure.
MGNREGA helped in creation of useful assets in the village	71 <i>per cent</i> responded in the positive, 6 <i>per cent</i> responded in the negative, 23 <i>per cent</i> did not respond/were not sure.