

# IMPACT OF DIGITAL FINANCIAL SERVICES (DFS) DURING COVID-19

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#### Digital Readiness is key to survival of the FS sector

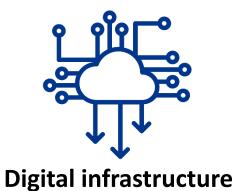
Digital first / digital only services and products were becoming the norm, now they are key to survival



There are three key levers to a digital ready financial ecosystem:



Digital consumer awareness and adoption





**Regulatory/Policy enablement** 





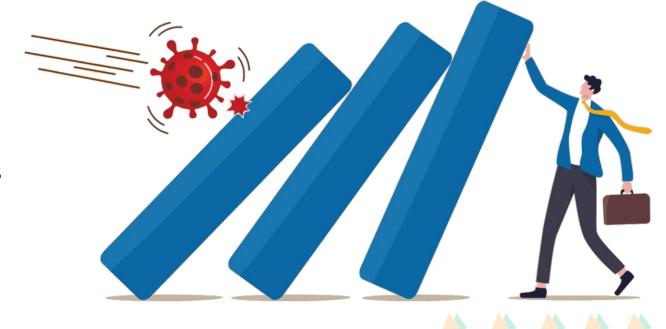
### Second order effects of the pandemic require a robust FS sector



Coronavirus is causing economies to come to a halt, and leading to demand shocks

Countries have to closely monitor and deal with these repercussions through efficient liquidity management and financial resource allocation.

The variety of tools at the disposal of governments in such a scenario depends heavily on the underlying digital plumbing of the FS sector.



#### Direct benefit transfers and novel fiscal policy tools are gaining traction

Governments across the world are spending enormous amounts on different types of stimulus packages



Eighty-four countries have reported changes to their social protection systems in response to the pandemic; fifty-eight countries of these are scaling up cash transfer schemes\*

Efficient transmission of such initiatives requires robust underlying plumbing. From identifying the right recipients to tracking effectiveness of such measures.

In India, the presence of the **Aadhaar Payment Bridge** has made it easier for governments to implement their benefit measures.

We have seen a tremendous rise in volumes as both central and state governments seek to help citizens stay afloat.





#### There are many other mitigation initiatives being taken up in the FS sector

In India, apart from DBT, we have the following initiatives being taken as mitigation measures to tackle the pandemic

#### **Key focus areas**

G2P Payments (DBT)

Insurance for All

Banking as a Service

Micro Credit Availability

Incentivizing cashless payments

#### **Enablers**

Payment infra – NACH, UPI, AEPS

Internet – 4G/5G

**Service Platforms** 

Social Media

Aggregation Services

Real time data

#### **Beneficiaries**

**DBT Beneficiaries** 

MSME platforms

Lending platforms

**Farmers** 

Daily wages earners



#### **DBT during COVID-19 – April 2020**

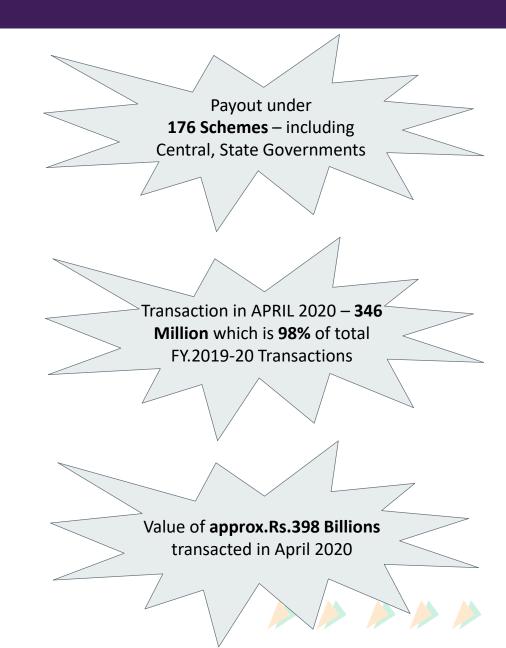
#### **Major highlights**

#### One Time Schemes for payout:

- 1. Mukhyamantri Vishesh Sahayata
- 2. Mukhymantri Garib Kalyan Package
- 3. Corona Sahayta
- 4. COVID 19 MGNREGS Special Allowance
- 5. Assistance to registered construction and other workers for COVID 19

#### **Ongoing other Major DBT Schemes**

- PM KISAN
- 2. Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana Grameen
- 3. National Social Assistance Program
- 4. Others



#### Regulators have also been proactive in tackling the situation







eKYC



#### **Other Initiatives**

- Special refinance facilities to NABARD, SIDBI and NHB of Rs.50 K Crores
- Special Liquidity fund of Rs.50k Crores for Mutual Fund
- Morartorium of 3 months on payment of installments and Interest payments for Term loans

**Online KYC** 

Online COVID insurance





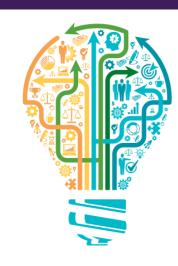






## This is also a good time to spur innovation and broaden the reach of DFS

We have seen that previous financial crises and pandemics have helped spur innovation and push reforms that enabled penetration of digital financial services.





**Contactless payments** 



**APIs and interoperability** 



**Digital onboarding** 



**Crowdfunding & donations** 



**Biometric authentication** 



Sachetization of insurance



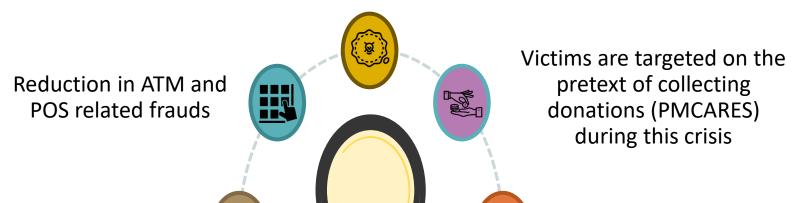




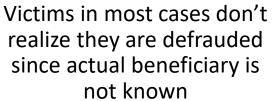
#### Impact on digital frauds in COVID19 times

#### **Proliferation of Frauds**

Online channels have become the preferred avenue for fraudsters



Frauds using physical channels have dropped significantly



#### **Challenges faced by Banks**



Lack of monitoring



Unavailability of systems



Unavailability of human resources with relevant access



Low priority to enable & facilitate risk monitoring process





#### At NPCI we are focused on growing our key products













Through a number of product enhancements and promotional campaigns



#### A look at our numbers



- Groceries, Supermarket, Small food and convenient stores marks around
   95% of total UPI transaction volume during lock down
- There was a decline of around 40% of volume from Precovid to Lockdown phase( 24<sup>th</sup> March –till date)
- Positive trends starting 4<sup>th</sup> May on P2M & P2P.
- For P2M drop of 28% in Volume &
   P2p drop by 40% from precovid nos.



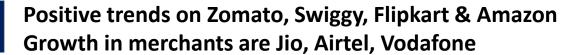
- Positive trends starting 4th May on Ecom. For Ecom we have reached April & May high till date with 1.83Mn txns a day
- Sharp Upward trend 40%+ on POS to 1.11 mn from avg of 0.75 Mn over last month due to relaxation in Lockdown
- Lockdown 3(Relaxed) Avg per day Vol have increase of 9% on Ecom, 15% on PoS, 31% on Essential, 18% in Top Merchant Over previous LockDown 2



- 95 Banks actively participating in AePS
- Around 411 MN+ txns in April 2020



- Coverage of 182 Billers now
- Accessible from 200 digital platforms







#### **UPI** use cases -Offline Merchants

#### Merchants are on-boarded by following means for UPI Payments:

- **UPI Static QR**
- Link Based/SMS Intent Based solutions through merchant Apps
- UPI Dynamic QR on PoS
- Inventory Sales + UPI Payment
- Customer Merchant Bookkeeping and Payments through UPI



## Static QR

#### UPI merchant App – Link based/Dynamic QR on App







#### Dynamic QR on PoS solution

Cashier asks how would the customer like to pay



Customer completes the shopping and comes to the payment counter. Cashier scans the items and creates a bill

If the customer wishes to pay through UPI, cashier enters the amount and bill number on the merchant screen of the device

A dynamin QR code is generated both on consumer as well as merchant screen

When the customer scans the QR code and makes payment using their preferred UPI App, an immediate notification is received by the merchant, and transaction receipt is printed.





Customer shows the bill and receipt at the security and leaves

#### WhatsApp based Inventory ordering and payments through







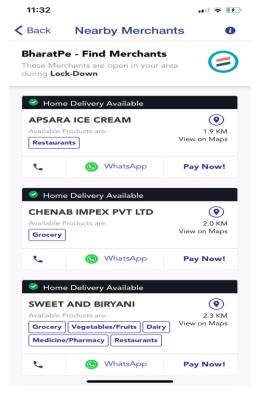
#### **Merchant search on BHIM**



Select merchant & Place order



Pay digitally





#### **PMCARES Campaign**







The pandemic has affected the entire world and with lockdown announced Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, lots of people are suffering to manage their meals, shelters and wages during this critical time.

- Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had launched PM CARES (PRIME MINISTER'S CITIZEN ASSISTANCE AND RELIEF IN EMERGENCY SITUATION FUND) .The campaign is also executed on UPI (pmcares@sbi).
   Tremendous support from the citizen of India seen towards this fund.
- States in India has created and promoted the Chief Ministers Relied Fund/Covid Relief Fund to support the citizens of their respective states affected due to COVID Pandemic.







#### Pay Safe Campaign

#### Approach taken:

Mrs. Rao videos to promote digital payments from home

Leveraged multiple tiers of social influencer to drive campaign read

Combined push through multiple digital media platforms – Social, Programmatic, High impact

Multiple Indian Languages

Total Video views - 64.63 million views

Tic Tok engagement – crossed 18 billion views

**73 influencer** engaged and got 6 billion impressions

7 twitter trends around #IndiaPaySafe with UPI

BHIIM app downloads – 125, 274





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