



## URGING SUPPORT TO COMBAT THE COVID-19 RAMPAGE IN INDIA

### India's COVID-19 Storm

India on Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, shattered the global record of most COVID-19 infections in a single day after registering a massive spike of nearly 3.45 lakh fresh cases along with 2620 deaths in 24 hours. This second wave of COVID-19 has left infected patients gasping for breath as hospitals in some states continue to face an acute shortage of medical Oxygen.

It has taken only 4 days to add more than 1 million cases to the cumulative tally of 16 million cases. The country currently has the largest number of confirmed cases in Asia, and as of April 2021, has the second-highest number of confirmed cases in the world (after the United States) with more than 16 million reported cases of COVID-19 infection and 189,549 deaths as of April 23, 2021. While the recovery ratio is 83.50%, the fatality ratio of 1.10% of 133.3 Billion is terrifying.

### Our COVID-19 Response

#### Ongoing Efforts

WISH stepped in early last year to support state governments of **Assam, Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan** and **Uttar Pradesh** with technical assistance and advisory services on strategy, guidelines contextualization and process / system institutionalization for COVID-19 response.

We designed the roadmap for geographic quarantine, social distancing measures, enhanced active surveillance, testing all suspected cases, isolation of cases and its management, home quarantine of contacts and social mobilization to follow preventive public health measures. Based on these strategies, micro plans were developed, especially the guidelines related to containment and buffer zones, and are in practice.

Customized dashboards were designed to support the government with real-time data on affected zones, PPE requirements, symptoms tacker, and more, to keep a pulse on the onslaught and customize mitigation strategies.

We complemented this support to the government with an online self-learning training platform (**wish2learn.in**) with virtual reality component for capacity-building of frontline workers, having trained over 25,000 health workers to date. We remain vigilant with the quickly changing protocols, and customize or update our trainings accordingly. PPE kits were distributed. Tele-consultations, use of PoCDs devices for contactless screening, have been integrated and IPC support continues to be provided.

We are continuing to support the government with all of the above additional support while simultaneously ensuring continuity of all other primary healthcare services in our over 700 primary healthcare centers, including safe deliveries of pregnant women, and beyond. Across the states we are also supporting government-mandated teleconsultation called eSanjeevani, which has been very much useful in handling COVID-19 cases virtually, especially those on home isolation. As of 23rd April 2021, 1.09 million consultations have been delivered through eSanjeevani.

Since January this year, we have also been supporting government's vaccination drive through communication strategy and capacity building initiatives.

### **An Appeal to Support Urgent Priorities to Mitigate the COVID-19 Rampage**

As the pandemic continues to surge, we request your financial support to mitigate the rampage. We invite your investment in rolling out the following urgently needed and strategic priorities:

**Create COVID-Care Centers** (Makeshift Hospital) with its mapping to DCHC (Dedicated COVID Health Centre) and DCH (Dedicated COVID Hospital)

**Fast-Track India's Vaccination drive** by overcoming behavioral and attitudinal barriers to vaccination among adults, including complacency (lack of perceived need), convenience (lack of accessibility or affordability), and confidence (lack of trust); and finally, culture (a catch-all term for social, political and religious factors that may affect vaccine uptake).

**Logistic support by bridging the gap of logistic resources** including medical equipment, etc. Capacity Building of Health Care Workers, including Frontline Workers, Nurses and Medical Officers, Lab Technicians and Doctors (Wish2Learn - <http://www.wish2learn.in/>)

**Community Awareness on eSanjeevani OPD teleconsultation** services which helps people avail preventive and curative services virtually thereby minimizing the contacts and reducing the spread of infections.

**Risk Communication and Community Engagement Initiatives**, including awareness on self-care to increase oxygen saturation; awareness on waste disposal as per BMW guidelines, etc.

The COVID-19 pandemic has upended every aspect of human life, with long-term consequences anticipated. This is the time for us to demonstrate solidarity and support to the Government and humanity at large. And the time for us to act is now. Kindly take action by supporting our efforts: Donate Now: [https://wishfoundationusa.org/Make\\_a\\_Donation](https://wishfoundationusa.org/Make_a_Donation)

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