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Progress Report: May 21, 2021

We bring this update to you with a grateful heart for the financial support of our generous donors which is enabling WISH undertake the mammoth task of curbing the 2nd surge of COVID-19 in India. We appreciate you. Thank You!

We've made further progress in the last couple weeks, deploying resources where they're needed most. The information below will give you an inside look at our strategy and interventions to mitigate the devastating humanitarian crisis sweeping across India.

You may already know that Prof. K VijayRaghavan, Principal Scientific Adviser to Govt. of India, said on May 5th that as the virus mutates further, a third wave of COVID infection is inevitable and it is necessary to be prepared for the new wave. However, he said, if strong measures are taken and effectively implemented at the state, district and city levels, there may not be a third wave. With this prediction, the state health departments have reached out to WISH, seeking our help in ramping up their infrastructure.

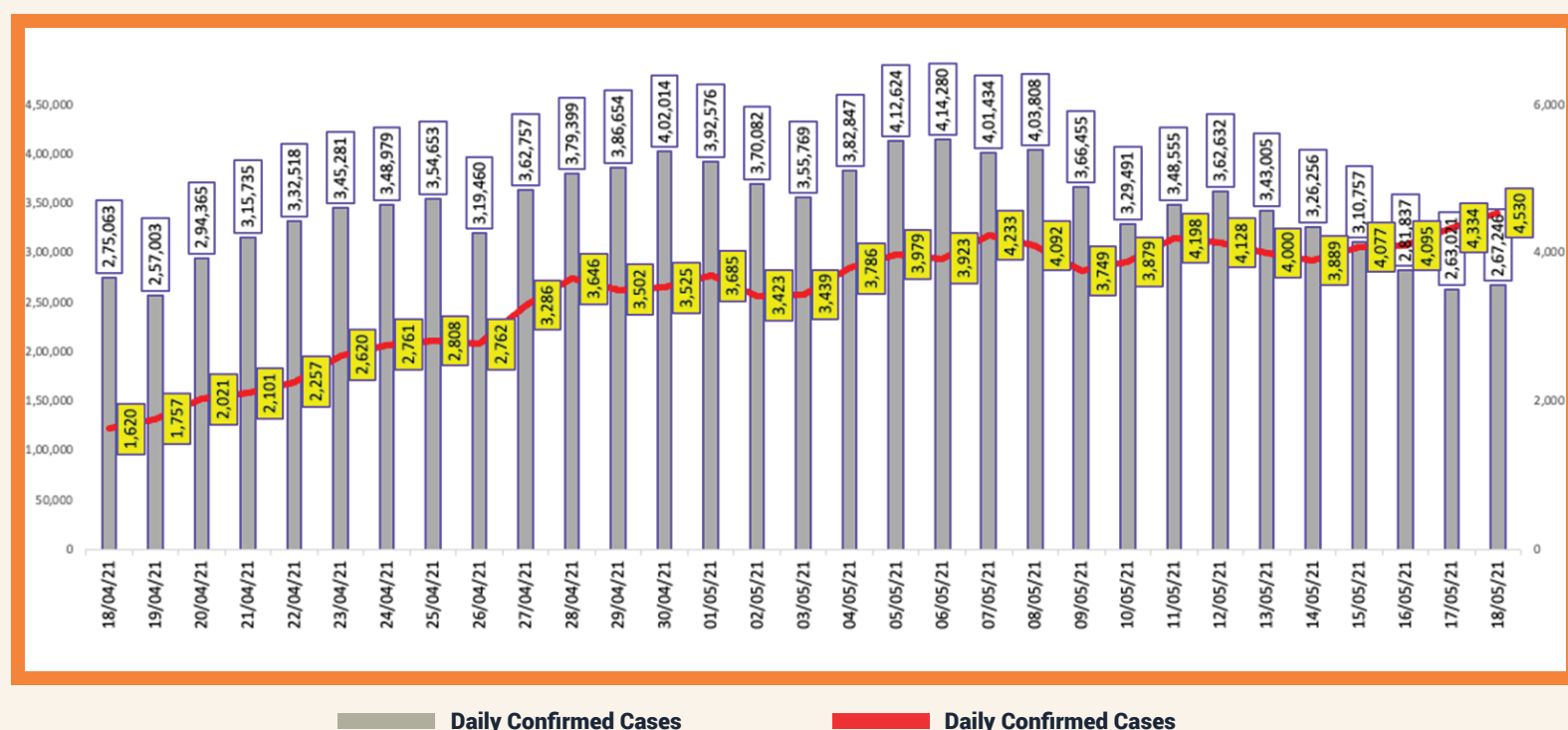
As a recent development, India is now also grappling with Black Fungus and White Fungus diseases, rare and potentially fatal infections that are increasingly being detected in Covid-19 patients, caused from drop in immunity. While state of Rajasthan has declared this as an epidemic, all states are struggling to manage the patient-load and treatment. Govt. of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Assam, Bihar, Maharashtra, etc. are urging support to battle these diseases.



WISH's second COVID-Care Center launched in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on May 13th 2021 by Medical Education Minister, Mr. Vishwas Sarang.

- ☀ To comprehend the situation better and frame our plan-of-action, we keep an eye on the trend and analyze regularly. With the daily cases having crossed to more than 2.67 lakh (267,246) on May 18th 2021, and deaths to more than 4 thousand (4530), the trend is still portraying a bleak picture.

Comparison between Confirmed cases & Death (India)



Overview of WISH's Strategy

- ☀ **Supply of life-saving medical equipment**, amenities, including oxygen concentrators and cylinders, human resources to the public and private-charitable hospitals operating as Dedicated COVID Health Centre (DCHC) & COVID-Care Centers (CCCs) for patients across the 5 states of our operations: **Delhi, MP, UP, Rajasthan and Assam**.
- ☀ **Setting up and scaling up COVID-Care Centers (CCC)** in multiple states within public and private-charitable hospitals.
- ☀ Set up **oxygen plants** in Delhi and Chennai.
- ☀ **Overall operation and management of CCCs** as requested by state governments or charitable hospitals, through end-to-end support.
- ☀ **Setting up CCCs in buildings** like schools, hotels, community centers etc. based on space identified by corporate and other funders and allotted by govt. authorities.
- ☀ **Setting up COVID Care step-down models** within the hospital periphery and other facilities.
- ☀ **Vaccination-Drive** support to the government where WISH's healthcare workers are vaccinating local population at the 700 plus primary health centers in Delhi and Rajasthan which we manage and operate. Since January this year, we're also **conducting mass-media campaigns** for awareness-building, self-care and other protocols and vaccination.
- ☀ **Ensuring teleconsultation services** across geographies through e-Sanjeevani OPD for COVID patients in home isolation.
- ☀ **Pre-planning for the 3rd surge** predicted to impact children and rural areas.
- ☀ **Mental Health of COVID-19 patients and impacted families**; and to address the aftermath related health issues and the mental impact of death and devastation.

☀ To reiterate, we are optimally utilizing available government resources in COVID-Care Centers (CCC) and Dedicated COVID Health Centers (DCHC) wherever available, and supplementing them with amenities such as oxygen, isolation wards, proper nutrition and regular vital checks that are usually missing in most of the health facilities.

- **Delhi-NCR:** We've provided lifesaving equipment and amenities to the Government of Delhi on a large scale for distribution at various government health facilities and have been supporting the Plasma Therapy to COVID-19 patients at the Department of Transfusion Medicine at SSPH & PGTI, Noida. We've distributed life-saving oxygen concentrators and PPE equipment to Holy Family Charitable Hospital and have set-up a CCC. We're providing life-saving equipment and oxygen plants in several leading hospitals, including Devki Devi Charitable Max Hospital-Saket, and in process of setting/supporting Dedicated COVID Hospital (DCH) in Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Government Hospital, and one in Rohini. This is in addition to our ongoing primary healthcare services across all the Mohalla Clinics and vaccination program in the designated centers.
- **Haryana:** In Gurugram, we are mobilizing Self-Help-Groups (SHGs) and equipping them with Oxygen tanks, Thermal guns, Pulse oximeters, PPE kits, etc., and training them on sanitization and patient-care protocols. We are also setting up a Covid Care Centre in the Community Centre in Badshapur village of Gurgaon. These CCCs are equipped with Oxygen tanks, Thermal guns, Pulse oximeters, PPE kits, etc.,
- **Madhya Pradesh:** We have launched two of the three 20 bedded CCCs in Bhopal and the third one in progress in Jabalpur. We are supporting these CCCs with human resources/logistics and infrastructure support. Medicines are being provided by the state government. We're also providing piped oxygen facility / HR support to the MP Police, 24th Battalion with CCCs and medical equipment under our "Save the Saviours" initiative, as they fight in the frontlines, protecting the population from infection-spread. In addition, mental health services and Yoga programs are ongoing across the state through tele-medicine and online consultations.
- **Rajasthan:** We're geared to set-up two CCCs in Alwar; and one each in rural areas of Sawai Madhopur, Dungarpur, Rajsamand, Baran and Jaipur/urban, pending financial investments. This is in addition to our ongoing primary healthcare services within the rural and urban primary health centers, along with COVID-vaccination of the local population.
- **Uttar Pradesh:** We've supplied PPE kits in Shravasti District to public-health facilities in peri-urban areas; and are setting up CCCs in Noida, while also supporting charitable hospitals with the supply of medical equipment and amenities including Oxygen Concentrators (5 Liters), FFP3, N95, PPE Kits, Thermo guns, Oximeters etc.
- **Assam:** We are providing oxygen concentrators, PPE kits and other medical equipment to National Health Mission-Assam for select public hospitals. Tele-consultations are being provided under the government's "Sampark" initiative. The line list of all COVID patients is shared on a daily basis with a team of NHM doctors and each COVID patient is contacted to assess their condition; and in case an urgent treatment/referral is required, its managed by the Sampark team along with the district and state administration. We plan to set up a 200 bedded CCC in Guwahati and additional 50 bedded and 10 bedded CCCs in over 15 Tea Garden hospitals in Udalgiri and Tinsukia, in close coordination with district administrations. We've engaged local Assamese celebrities in an SMS campaign with messaging to the local population on self-care, social distancing, masking, and vaccination.

To mitigate the impact of the 3rd wave, which is expected to affect children and rural population, we're partnering with the Govt. of Assam to set up a 400 bedded, temporary CCC which will cater to the whole north-east region.

- **Maharashtra & Tamil Nadu:** We've established a partnership with Nanavati hospital in Mumbai, and Vijaya Group of Hospitals in Chennai for the provision of life-saving medical supplies, etc.

- **Capacity-building of healthcare providers (HCP) on COVID-management, home-isolation, sanitation practices, COVID-vaccine promotion**, etc. has been ongoing since last year through our virtual **Wish2Learn** self-guided and simulated learning platform. More than 25,000 HCPs have been trained per government of India and state specific guidelines. Trainings also include related paediatric care, geriatric care, general care, home based care, referral, orientation and hands-on training on utility of life saving devices.
- **Teleconsultations** via **e-Sanjeevani** for handling COVID-19 cases and follow ups have been ongoing, with over 6 million consultations already conducted.
- During critical times such as now, regular primary health services must also continue. To give you an example, the **Delivery Rooms / Labour Wards** at our Rajasthan primary health centers have been made compliant against the latest CDC and Health Ministry guidelines to prevent COVID-19 infection to pregnant mothers and babies.



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