12th May 2021 – WHO Foundation launched this week the “Together for India” appeal, encouraging individual donors and corporations to support the World Health Organization’s work to address the COVID-19 emergency in the country.

An unprecedented surge in COVID-19 infections in India has led to a shortfall in medical oxygen, intensive care unit beds, and life-saving medicines. WHO has responded by deploying an additional emergency action plan to provide extensive technical assistance and field support to ensure no one gets left behind, together with health authorities, partners, and community-based organizations.

The “Together for India” appeal invites donations from individual members of the public as well by donating to https://donate-covid19.india.who.foundation.

Proceeds from the campaign will go to the COVID-19 Solidarity Response Fund in support of the WHO Indian Country Office to provide equipment, supplies and technical advice to the emergency response across India. WHO has already repurposed its existing network of more than 2,600 technical officers in 23 states working across India to focus support to the national COVID-19 response.

“The COVID-19 emergency India is facing right now requires mobilization at every level. The WHO is deploying human resources and supplies to tackle the rise in cases, collaborating with the government, local NGOs and communities. The “Together for India” appeal enables everyone around the world to participate in this mobilization to stop the virus spread and save lives.” Anil Soni, CEO of the WHO Foundation.
WHO is working closely with Central and State governments, partners, health care and frontline workers, and communities to rapidly scale-up active case detection and real-time epidemiological/situational monitoring and assessments, and to augment the supply of resources to ensure equitable access to testing kits, medicines, vaccines, and lifesaving consumables. In addition to surveillance and technical advice, WHO continues to support efforts to accelerate vaccination for COVID-19.

About the WHO Foundation:

The WHO Foundation is an independent grant-making foundation, based in Geneva, that sets out to protect the health and well-being of everyone in every part of the world, working alongside the World Health Organization and the global health community. It aims to support donors, scientists, experts, implementing partners, and advocates around the world in rapidly finding new and better solutions to the most pressing global health challenges of today and tomorrow.

The Foundation targets evidence-based initiatives that support WHO in delivering Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3 (To ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all). It is focused on reducing health risks, averting pandemics, better managing diseases, and creating stronger health systems. It tackles these areas by building awareness and supporting its partners, including WHO, so that every life is invested in and the world is ready for any health emergency that may arise.

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