



COVID-19 Response

PPHF & Partners Enhance Support to COVID-19 response in India

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People to People Health Foundation (PPHF) has been working at the national and sub-national level with the government health system and community on COVID 19 response. PPHF's efforts range from health system infrastructure strengthening to prevention and control of infection amongst the vulnerable and potential groups like urban slums, food handlers, policemen, migrant families, healthcare workers through medical and non-medical essentials distributions, promotion of hand hygiene practices through installation of foot-operated handwashing stations, safety kits provision etc. Other than these short-term responses, PPHF is now also focusing on establishing long-term community and health system resilience programs addressing the potential hard-hit areas like nutrition and food system focusing on children and mothers from underprivileged communities.

PPHF is focusing on the following 5 areas on COVID-19 in India:

1. Strengthening the health system infrastructure by providing life supporting medical equipment and supplies to COVID-19 hospitals and Quarantine centres;
2. Supporting healthcare workers on infection prevention and control;
3. Supporting hygiene promotion activities in the community;
4. Providing safety kits to community; and
5. Building Resilient Community Health Systems through the COVID-19 pandemic and Beyond.

PPHF is working with the Government of India at the Central and State level on COVID-19 with support from our corporate and foundation partners.

Delhi:

PPHF has been working directly with the State Government and Central Government hospitals to establish dedicated COVID-19 hospitals and fulfil ongoing requirements in terms of PPE kits, N-95 masks, high-end motorized ICU beds, sanitizers, automatic sanitization dispensers, 3 ply masks, thermal guns, BP apparatus etc. A 130- bed facility has been established exclusively for COVID-19 patients in Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital (RML), Block 1 & 2 which includes 30 ICU and 90 Isolation beds set up. RML is a nodal COVID-19 centre for Delhi and surrounding cities where these facilities are being utilized to 100% till date.





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strategic locations of Delhi which includes Government schools, police stations, Mohalla clinics, urban clusters etc in collaboration with the local authorities of Delhi. These locations have been mapped along with the Government officials to drive hygiene practices among vulnerable population in the community to prevent COVID-19 infection.

People to People Health Foundation (PPHF) collaborating with state governments and local administration at the district level to work out effective local hash washing solutions that fit in the rural and urban slum communities.

We partnered with the local governance system of North West Delhi to install 35 hand washing stations at various strategic locations like Mohalla clinics, Urban Clusters, Government Schools and Police Stations in urban slums of Delhi.

The innovative foot operated stations eliminate the need to use hands to operate the machine and minimize water consumption as water is not required during the scrubbing phase of handwash, thus saving water and saving lives too. With this initiative, approx. 500,000 people will be reached .



Karnataka:

PPHF has collaborated with the state government and NHM Karnataka to strengthen the support for prevention and management of COVID 19. Kandhaya Bhawan, Ramanagara District has been developed as Dedicated referral hospital for COVID 19. The Honorable Health Minister of Karnataka appreciated the contributions and support for the same. CV Raman General Hospital of Bangalore has been equipped with ICU beds and various other essential medical supplies and protective equipment. Various locations like crematoriums, police stations etc are being identified in Bangalore for installation of hand washing stations and promotion of hand washing behavior to continue supporting the beyond COVID 19 WASH related challenges.



We are also supporting the government on prevention and strengthening the screening process for COVID 19 by supporting installation of screening kiosks at the Bengaluru airport and across the fever clinics in Bangalore and Bidar District. Post unlocking of the Lock down, Bengaluru is experiencing a huge inflow of passengers who are coming back from their hometowns to join work or vice a versa. To ensure quick and effective screening, these kiosks are going to speed- up the process of screening without putting the healthcare providers at risk of infection since these kiosks are closed compartments with extension to take samples without coming in direct contact of individuals .

Jharkhand:

Jharkhand state have seen a sharp rise in COVID-19 cases over the past few weeks mainly due to inflow of migrant workers. PPHF with support from B4U partnered with Vikas Bharti Bishunpur, to support the influx of migrants in Jharkhand. We have supplied safety kits (bucket, jug, ORS sachets, reusable masks, soap bars, sanitary napkins) to the 300 migrant families in Gumla District of Jharkhand. The project engaged the local self-help groups (SHGs) for making and the supply of masks.



Maharashtra:

Multiple COVID-19 designated hospitals in Mumbai – like Seven Hills, Bombay Municipal Corporation, Kasturba hospital, Civil hospital Thane, KEM hospital, Parel Mumbai, St. George Hospital etc., hospitals and in Pune, Sasoon hospital have been equipped with ICU beds, PPE kits, N-95 masks, 3 ply masks etc. PPHF is constantly monitoring the equipment needs from these hospitals to provide continuous support.

PPHF COVID Response Fund (PCRF):

PPHF deeply acknowledges its valued partnerships with corporate, institutional, and individual donors who have been funding to PPHF COVID-19 Response Fund (PCRF). The PCRF has and continues to play a critical role in responding to COVID-19 outbreak. To date, in response to COVID-19, we have received funding from Wipro GE Healthcare, Cognizant Foundation, Garrett Advancing Motion, Goodera, FICCI, Wipro Foundation, Becton, Dickinson and Company, B4U Music, CSR Box, Vikas Bharti Bhishunpur and individual donations.

PPHF is constantly welcoming new partnerships and collaborations to impact both short and long -term COVID outcomes. We are also running a dedicated campaign on Goodera's platform to support our COVID19 response efforts:

<https://app.goodera.com/#/volunteering/campaign/1707>

We are fully committed to supporting national and state governments with our partners throughout the COVID-19 response phase.

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