

WFP USA: How can we help people in India amidst their covid crisis?

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Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that we think and pray for our brothers and sisters in India. If you are not already aware of the crisis in India, here are a few facts:



- Since the start of the pandemic, there have been **19.6 million COVID cases in India**.
- India is currently the center of the pandemic with as many as **350,000 new cases and almost 3,000 deaths are reported everyday** (the number can be as much as 10x as much).
- **Hospitals are out of resources** (oxygen and empty beds) and parks are being turned into cremation grounds as morgues are overwhelmed.
- **Less than 2% of the population is fully vaccinated.**

Yes, we are heartbroken and saddened by the reality of the state of our world. This pandemic has challenged our international community in different ways allowing each one of us to utilize our qualities of selflessness and compassion as we continue to navigate through uncertainty. **WFP believes in leading with a mother's heart and with this, we urge you to pray and give for India.** As Mother Teresa said *"Love is not patronizing, and charity isn't about love. Charity and love are the same – with charity you give love."*

If you feel led, you can donate to any of the organizations below advocating for the relief of our family in India.

Grace and Love,
WFP USA

Covid Relief India

Covid Relief India's goal is to raise **\$750,000** which will help pay for **Oxygen Concentrators, oxygen cylinders, oxygen generation plants and medical equipment** needed by the Government of Delhi.

Helping Hand for Relief and Development

The Helping Hand for Relief and Development is a global humanitarian relief and development organization that responds to human suffering and strives to provide immediate response in disasters, and effective programs in place of suffering. They empower, create, and strengthen bonds of humanity under Allah.

Sangita Charitable Trust

Sangita Charitable Trust is a Christian orphanage near Chennai, India which cares for any child who needs home, food, love, and education. These donations will go to support those who have COVID or have experienced financial burden due COVID in India.



Resources:

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