



European Union TEAM EUROPE SUPPORT TO INDIA

'No one should be left behind'

Our watchword during the COVID-19 crisis

The coronavirus pandemic is a global crisis that requires a global solution. The EU is mobilising **EUR 36 billion** worldwide to end the spread of the virus and to avoid spill-over effects on economic and social stability and security in its partner countries. As part of its global response, the EU is adjusting many of its interventions, at country level to assist India in its efforts to address the coronavirus outbreak.

The EU has committed **EUR 114 million** to the UN Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan led by the World Health Organization to boost public health emergency preparedness response work in countries with weak health systems and limited resilience.

The EU, its Members States and their financial institutions and agencies are combining their resources to support India in the ongoing COVID-19 crisis.



Health Sector

In terms of support through loans, the **European Investment Bank (EIB)** is set to contribute with EUR 300 million. The Bank is also closely liaising with the Government of India and MDBs on a possible intervention with a focus on (i) Emergency Pandemic Control Expenditures based on an end-2020 approval and to be deployed by end-2023 and (ii) medium- to long-term investments to strengthen the Public Healthcare System for early prevention, detection and containment of future pandemics.

Crucial support of EUR 20 million is being provided by Germany to India in the fight against the pandemic. The support will be used to equip hospitals with medical and protective equipment, respirators, build test capacities, train nursing staff and create infrastructure to meet future challenges. The assistance will be implemented through GIZ and in cooperation with the German state-owned development bank - **Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW)** and UNICEF. In addition, Germany has supported the Three Million Meals Campaign to provide food to those most in need.



Agence Française de Développement's (AFD) private sector arm, Proparco, also supports investments in the health sector. In 2019, Proparco invested EUR 20 million in Quadria Capital fund with the aim of supporting the development of medical facilities in under-served areas of South and Southeast Asia.

The European Commission's **Service for Foreign Policy Instruments** has redirected activities to organise COVID-19 webinars. A project on "Antimicrobial Resistance" (AMR) will reinforce preventive measures such as vaccinations and capacity building to maintain human and animal health.



Social Protection

The German government through the state-owned development bank Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau (KfW) will provide EUR 460 million while Agence Française de Développement (AFD) is putting EUR 200 million in the form of a public policy loan to bolster the Indian government's COVID-19 response.

The loan, which is co-financed with the World Bank, aims at strengthening the capacity of the government. The funds are expected to provide benefits to vulnerable populations and will ensure that the health, social and economic shocks associated with COVID-19 do not endanger people's well-being or their contribution to the country's economic growth.



Immediate Assistance through Grants for Projects Implemented by Civil Society Organisations

By working hard with Civil Society Organisations and local communities in India, the European Union is providing immediate assistance and responding to urgent needs of the most vulnerable groups throughout the country.



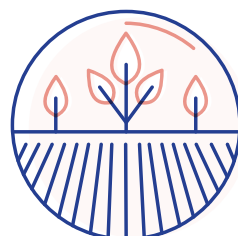
Our Civil Society partners are providing hygiene and sanitation kits such as masks and gloves to vulnerable groups including migrant workers, stranded workers, women, children, persons with disabilities, and volunteer community workers.

Food shortage is being tackled through distribution of food and dry ration amongst people in the vulnerable category.



The most vulnerable households and individuals are being given information on COVID-19 through awareness raising and capacity building initiatives.

Groups of farmers who were unable to market their products are being supported.



325,000+

people were provided with hygiene and sanitation kits



13,450

families were provided with food or dry ration. An additional 450,000 food packets were distributed to vulnerable individuals



48,250

benefitted from awareness raising on COVID-19



10,000

farmers received direct assistance in marketing their agricultural products