

# COVID-19 EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

Scaling high impact health solutions to accelerate India's response to COVID-19 crisis

## The Context



### Catastrophic second wave of COVID-19 in India

first country in the world to report over 4 lakh new cases in a day, and logs over 2 lakh fatalities by the viral disease since 2020



### Acute shortage of basic and life saving facilities

such as oxygen, ICU beds, medicines, vaccines and healthcare staff



### Urgent need to scale up production and supply of healthcare solutions

to tackle the sudden exponential rise in COVID-19 cases that need medical support



### Crucial to prepare for any subsequent waves of COVID-19

by building rapid surge capacity for prevention, detection and treatment, including treatment of critical cases in institutional or home-based settings

Project provides emergency critical care and medical supplies to 1000+ health facilities, diagnostic and pharma chains, reaching to more than 10 million people

## SAMRIDH

To fast-track India's response to its second, devastating wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), has established a healthcare blended financing facility\* to support the **immediate deployment of high-impact healthcare solutions**. Through this initiative, USAID, in technical collaboration with premier institutions such as the Indian Institute of Technology – Delhi, the National Health Authority, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, corporate leaders and industry associations, will leverage private sector resources to support scaling up and adoption of market-based health solutions that can address the emergency needs of the pandemic.

Given the severity of the crisis and the urgency to act, the initiative has the provision to offer **emergency grant funding to healthcare enterprises** for rapid scale-up of high impact solutions. This will be complemented with a strong technical assistance and capacity building component, enabling augmentation of surge capacity for production and supply of life saving solutions to meet the requirements of current and subsequent waves of the pandemic.

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## FOCUS AREAS ALIGNED TO CURRENT NATIONAL HEALTHCARE PRIORITIES

- Oxygen supply
- Healthcare infrastructure
- Vaccine supply and delivery systems
- Diagnostic products and services
- Pharmaceutical production and supply chain management
- Medical devices
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Training and capacity building of health workers
- Information, Education, and Communication for behavior change

## Key Objectives

#1

**Bridge supply-side gaps** in life saving healthcare facilities to respond to COVID-19 in the immediate, medium and long term

#2

**Accelerate scale up and adoption** of high impact health solutions

#3

**Mobilize resources** for health solutions to build sustainable healthcare systems

#4

**Promote local and comprehensive solutions** at community and facility level for vulnerable population

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