



Left: A woman cries as she pleads for oxygen support for her husband, who is suffering from breathing problem at a Gurudwara (Sikh temple), amidst the spread of COVID-19 in Ghaziabad, India, May 3, 2021. Adnan Abidi/Reuters



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How to help India during its COVID surge – 12 places you can donate

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India is fighting a desperate battle against a new coronavirus surge that's sent COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths skyrocketing.

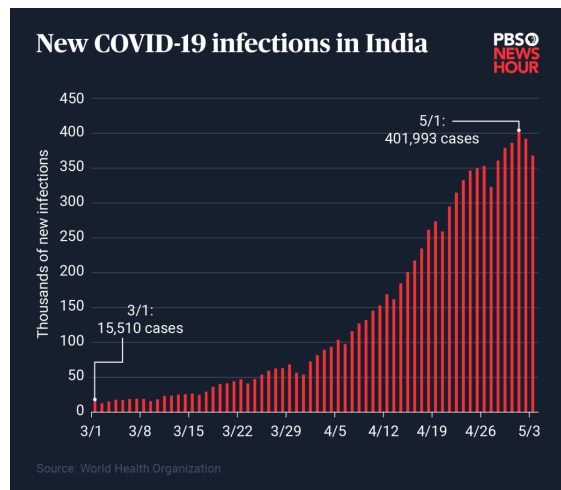
Nearly 58,000 people have died in the last month — accounting for a quarter of India's 222,000 deaths since the start of the pandemic — according to official reports. But experts estimate that the recent jump in COVID-related deaths could be up to **five times greater than official counts.**

Multiple, potentially more transmissible variants are now spreading across the country. Vaccines are in short supply, hospitals are overwhelmed and running out of oxygen, crematoriums are full.

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In late January, Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the World Economic Forum **with a clear message:** India had "saved humanity from a big disaster" by beating back the virus.

But since then, India has seen an unprecedented second wave that shows no signs of abating. In early March, the country was experiencing under 16,000 daily cases. By May 1, India set a global record: more than 400,000 cases in one day.



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People around the world are rallying to get India the supplies and support it needs. Here's how you can help:

Organizations that fund and provide medical supplies like oxygen and PPE

- **Direct Relief** is working to distribute oxygen concentrators and other medical supplies across India. You can donate [here](#).
- **Oxygen for India**, organized by the international Center for Disease Dynamics, Economics & Policy, is setting up help desks at various hospitals to ensure that people get access to oxygen cylinders and concentrators for free. You can donate [here](#).
- **Project HOPE** is a global aid organization that is distributing medical supplies in India and educating communities on how to stop COVID-19 from spreading. You can donate [here](#).
- **Association for India's Development** is a grassroots organization that promotes sustainable development. Its work currently involves donating PPE (including

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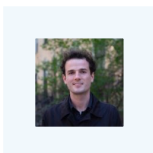
surgical masks and face shields) and oxygen supplies to hospitals. You can donate [here](#).

- [The American India Foundation](#) is providing medical supplies, supplying PPE to frontline workers and educating communities about the pandemic. You can donate [here](#).
- [The Indian Red Cross Society](#), India's chapter of the international voluntary humanitarian organization, is providing medical resources — including oxygen concentrators, ventilators and bedside monitors — to hospitals around India, and helping to administer vaccines. You can donate [here](#).

Organizations that serve India's marginalized communities

- GoFundMe has provided [a list of verified campaigns](#) that seek to provide individual and community support, as well as address India's shortage of oxygen for COVID-19 patients.
- [Indian Muslim Relief & Charities](#) is a nonprofit that focuses on India's Muslim community. It is distributing food packages, providing home medical kits, and donating money to school teachers while schools are shut down, among other things. Donate [here](#).
- [Khalsa Aid](#) is a Sikh humanitarian organization providing support for medical programs in vulnerable communities, including procuring hundreds of oxygen concentrators. You can donate [here](#).
- The [Transgender Welfare Equity and Empowerment Trust](#) is raising funds to financially support transgender Indians, who are often rejected by their families and experiencing homelessness, a risk factor for COVID. You can donate [here](#).
- [Care India](#), a humanitarian organization that focuses on helping marginalized women and girls, is providing PPE to frontline workers. You can donate [here](#).
- [Make A Difference](#) is an international nonprofit that supports children in need of care and protection. Donations will help children in 65 shelters across 23 cities. Donate [here](#).

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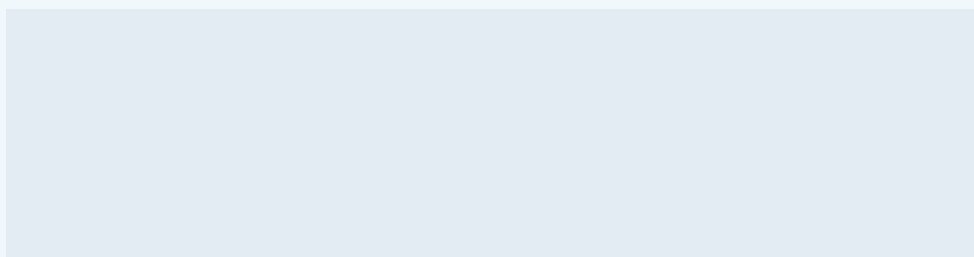
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