Aahan Lahoti

Republic of India

United Nations International Children’s Emergency Funds: Providing Stable Medical Supplies to Children In Need

*“Children are like buds in a garden and should be carefully and lovingly nurtured, as they are the future of the Nation and the Citizens of Tomorrow”-Jawaharlal Nehru*

Unfortunately again due to human selfishness; medical and healthcare has become a monopoly and not a necessity like is should be. Recently, the entire planet came to a halt due to the global pandemic caused the Corona Virus and during this time, all the nations witnessed a surge in stabilizing medical supplies for the welfare of the people in which majority are children because they are one of the most vulnerable group in our society. The UNICEF has worked intensively trying to provide the children the life they deserve by supplying them with humanitarian aids such as food, safe drinking water, shelter, education and most importantly working towards no prevent the violation of their rights especially after the pandemic.

The Republic Of India firmly believes in this social ideology and is working hard to uphold the lives of more than 430 million children living in the nation. This is not easy especially for a developing nation like us due to various disparities yet the Government of India is committed to their work. The Government has come with various laws and schemes for the betterment of the lives of children in the nation keeping in mind the vulnerable and the sensitive parts of the society. One of the Government’s major initiative is:

Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY which is the largest health assurance scheme in the world which aims at providing a health cover of Rupees 5 lakhs per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization to over 12 crores poor and vulnerable families (approximately 55 crores beneficiaries) that form the bottom 40% of the Indian population. Benefit cover under various Government-funded health insurance schemes in India have always been structured on an upper ceiling limit ranging from an annual cover of INR30000 to INR300000 per family across various States which created a fragmented system. PM-JAY provides cashless cover of up to INR500000 to each eligible family per annum for listed secondary and tertiary care conditions. The cover under the scheme includes all expenses of the treatment.

The Government of the Republic of India wants to ban the monopolization of healthcare facilities and can impose no to very minimum tax on medicines and health-care so that everyone can afford it. Strict laws should be imposed on those who wish to make a business out of other people’s predicaments. The world needs to realize that *“There is no Planet B”* and only we can help ourselves.

BIBLIOGRAPHY:

* <https://data.unicef.org/how-many/how-many-children-under-18-are-there-in-india/>
* <https://nha.gov.in/PM-JAY#:~:text=Ayushman%20Bharat%20PM%2DJAY%20is,the%20bottom%2040%25%20of%20the>
* <https://www.unicef.org/coronavirus/unicef-responding-covid-19-india>
* [Impact of Covid-19 on Indian economy (indiatimes.com)](https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/readersblog/shreyansh-mangla/impact-of-covid-19-on-indian-economy-2-35042/)
* <https://nha.gov.in/PM-JAY>
* <https://wcd.nic.in/>

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*