



COVID-19 SURGE IN INDIA

HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE & RECOVERY

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ABOUT AIRLINK

AIRLINK IS A RAPID-RESPONSE HUMANITARIAN RELIEF ORGANIZATION CONNECTING AIRLINES AND PRE-QUALIFIED NONPROFITS TO HELP COMMUNITIES IN CRISIS.

Airlink is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization working with global aviation and logistics partners to transport relief workers and emergency supplies for reputable non-governmental organizations (NGOs) responding to rapid-onset disasters and other humanitarian crises around the globe.

Airlink assists and convenes nonprofit response partners to address logistical and response challenges too big for a single aid organization to overcome alone.

Through the Airlink partnership, more than 130 aid organizations are able to quickly and efficiently provide food, access to clean water, shelter, medical aid, training and other assistance to some of the world's most vulnerable beneficiaries.



WHAT AIRLINK DOES



Building Capacity - Preparedness Through Response to Recovery:

Airlink serves NGOs of all sizes and budgets, including small and medium-sized organizations with limited logistics capacity. Airlink assists organizations throughout each step of the humanitarian logistics chain by providing the tools and information needed to make aid shipments more effective, efficient, and affordable. Airlink works quickly to address essential needs and then continues its response through to longer-term rebuilding to improve outcomes for recovering communities.

Leveraging Relationships to Match Airline Supply with NGO Demand:

Creating strong relationships with partners enables Airlink to efficiently manage each request for cargo or responder airlift. Airlink has a trusted partnership network of 50+ airline and 130+ aid organizations to coordinate responses.

Supporting Multiple, Ongoing Crises Across a Regional Response Framework:

Airlink frequently responds to multiple disasters at once in all corners of the globe. To foster more planned and predictable service to NGOs and communities in need, Airlink activates regional response plans to build a common understanding of the unique coordination and aid delivery resources available in each area.

COVID-19 SURGE: INDIA

India is experiencing immense need for assistance due to a dramatic uptick in COVID-19 cases. The country has broken records for six days straight, with more than 1 million cases reported in just 72 hours.

Oxygen supplies and PPE are running low and hospitals are overwhelmed across the country, leaving patients awaiting care outside.

- Over the past month, the positivity rate (how widespread COVID-19 is in a community) has increased from 4.2 % to 18.4 %
- Experts say the surge has yet to peak and estimate this could occur in the next 7 to 10 days, causing additional concern.
- Shortages of health facilities and beds has led to the conversion of hotels and railway coaches into critical care facilities. Medical facilities have had to suspend admissions or have patients share beds.
- Situation is a “perfect storm” of mass gatherings, an increase in more contagious variants, low vaccination rates, and other factors.



DEATHS

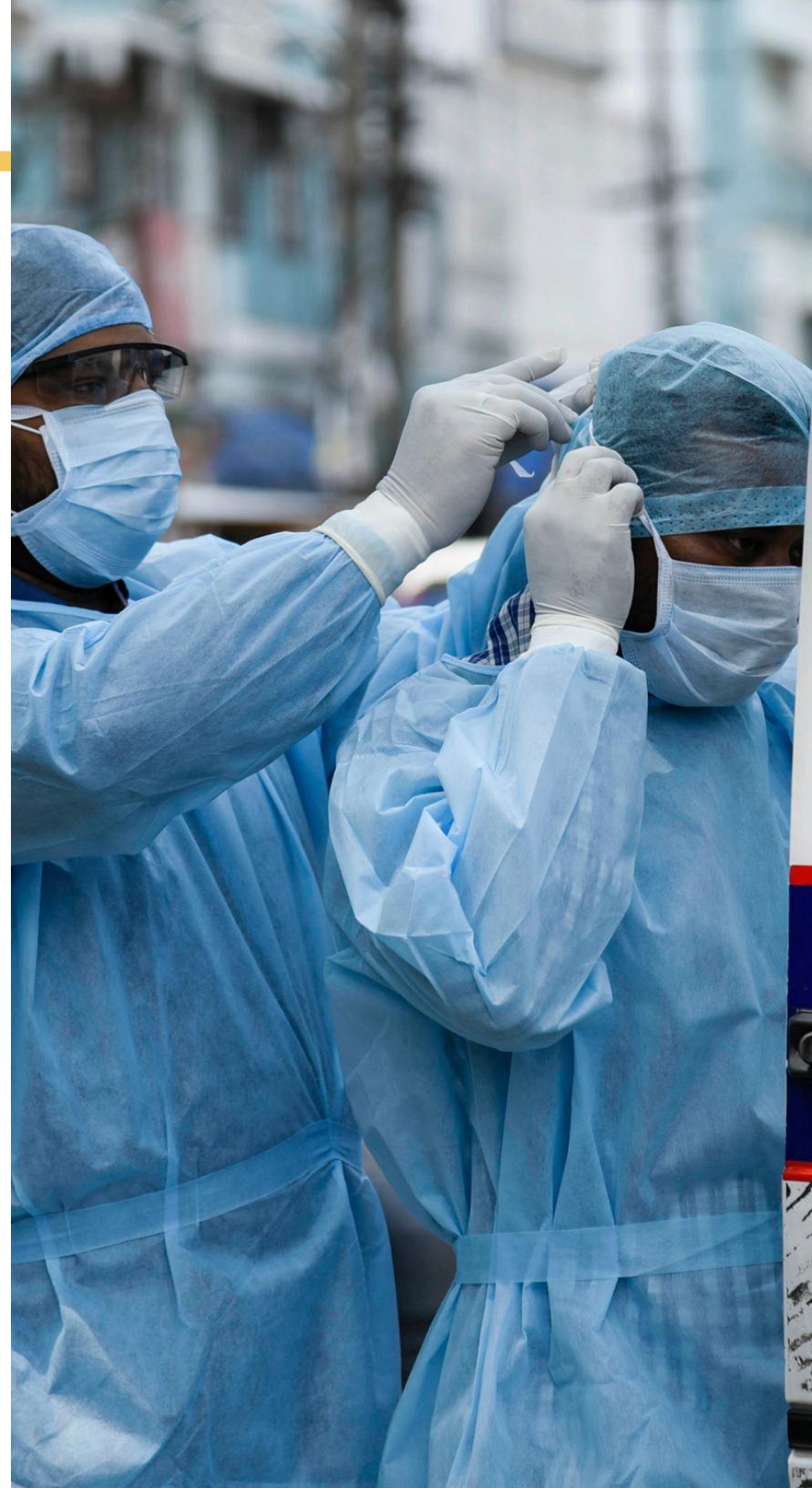


WEEKLY NEW
COVID CASES



1 in 3

NEW GLOBAL CASES
ARE IN INDIA



COVID-19 SURGE: INDIA -- AIRLINK IN ACTION

Responding NGOs are requesting Airlink provide tactical coordination and help breaking through supply chain barriers to execute rapid-response airlifts of humanitarian aid.

Much of the aid cargo Airlink is being asked to move relates to the desperate need for oxygen, PPE, and general medical supplies to increase hospital capacity. To make these movements possible and happen swiftly, Airlink has activated its network of more than 130 NGOs and 50+ airline partners.

As the crisis continues to worsen under catastrophic conditions, Airlink is actively seeking funding partners to address the increased demand for its services.

Items Airlink is Transporting



AIRLINK'S COVID-19 PANDEMIC RESPONSE

A GLOBAL RESPONSE

One year into the pandemic, Airlink continues working with nonprofit partners to respond. The organization has reached 30+ countries with essential supplies needed to limit the spread of COVID-19, including personal protective equipment (gloves, gowns, masks), COVID-19 tests, oxygen supplies, diagnostic tools like pulse oximeters and X-Rays, and hygiene and sanitation materials.



This map shows the countries reached with Airlink-supported shipments, and the number of shipments each country received via Airlink.

AIRLINK'S COVID-19 IMPACT

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 epidemic—which began in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China—a public health emergency of international concern. Airlink began responding to critical needs in China and Japan, and its first shipment for coronavirus response reached Japan on February 29.

Following the announcement of the pandemic declaration by the WHO on March 11, 2020, Airlink made the decision to launch a large-scale response to help nonprofit organizations overcome the logistical challenges and high costs of sending PPE to communities around the world. The response continues to this day.

Thanks to support from **11 airlines**, **Flexport.org**, the **Center for Disaster Philanthropy** and other donors, Airlink has been successful in responding to this global emergency.



POUNDS OF RELIEF SUPPLIES DELIVERED (BY VOLUME)



144

RESPONDERS DEPLOYED



\$2.1M

IN TRANSPORTATION RELIEF FOR NGOS



23

NONPROFITS HELPED



4.8M

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH HEALTHCARE & SUPPLIES



512K

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH WASH ASSISTANCE



239K

PEOPLE PROVIDED FOOD AID



9K

PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH SHELTER & NON-FOOD ITEMS



Photo: International Medical Corps, Democratic Republic of Congo



AIRLINK IN 2020

All Disasters, Complex Crises, and Humanitarian Events Airlink Reponded to in 2020.



528,240

POUNDS OF RELIEF
SUPPLIES DELIVERED



638

RESPONDERS
DEPLOYED



\$2.93M

IN TRANSPORTATION
SAVINGS FOR NGOS



23

RESPONSES
SUPPORTED



5M+

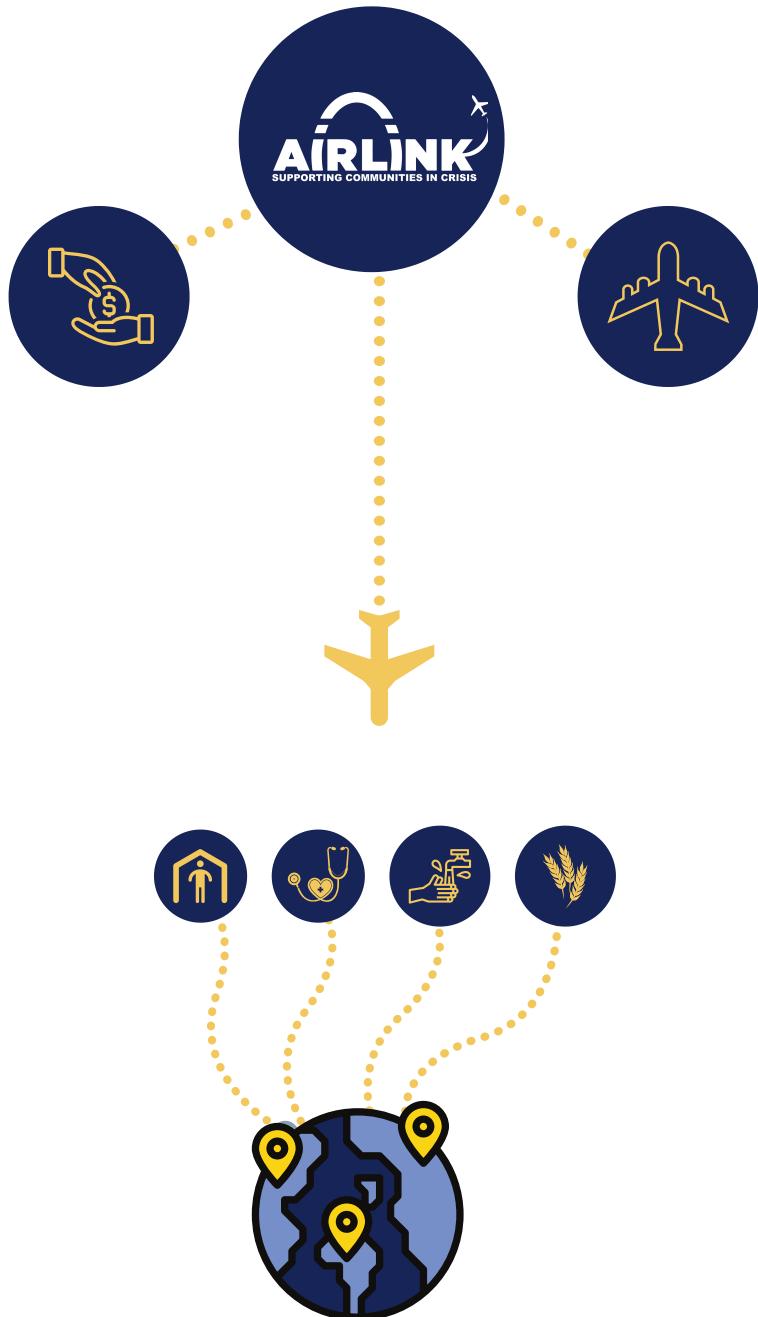
PEOPLE
ASSISTED



38

COUNTRIES
REACHED

WHY FOUNDATIONS, AIRLINES, AND BUSINESSES PARTNER WITH AIRLINK



BUILD YOUR CAPACITY TO:

- Better understand the disaster situation
- Use your resources to support credible humanitarian need
- Report the impact of your support of humanitarian relief missions to internal and external stakeholders

BUILD CAPACITY OF RELIEF ORGANIZATIONS TO:

- Move quickly to deploy resources
- Navigate complex logistics situations caused by disasters
- Minimize the financial burden of responding to disasters and enable responses to multiple crises at once

BUILD CAPACITY OF CRISIS-STRICKEN COMMUNITIES TO:

- Prepare for rapid-onset disasters
- Meet the immediate needs of vulnerable populations
- Access tools and unique expertise from the global response sector
- Bolster overwhelmed health systems
- Build back stronger

**AIRLINK MEETS YOUR INTEREST IN MAKING MEANINGFUL DECISIONS
TO IMPACT DISASTER-STRICKEN COMMUNITIES QUICKLY.**

Airlink has the plans, knowledge, and vetted partners to maximize your support and will provide impact reporting to show how your donation helped communities in crisis.



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