



FACT SHEET: U.S. COVID-19 ASSISTANCE TO NEPAL TO-DATE

October 25, 2021

TOTAL

\$122 million

1.53 MILLION DOSES OF THE JOHNSON & JOHNSON VACCINE

On July 12, 2021, the United States donated 1.53 million doses of the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine to Nepal. This donation reaffirms the United States' decades-old commitment to the Nepali people and is a continuation of our ongoing support to Nepal during the COVID-19 crisis. These vaccines, which require only one shot, are gifts to Nepal on behalf of the American people at no cost and have the singular purpose of saving lives. The U.S. donated vaccines were delivered to the Nepali people in partnership with the COVAX global vaccine initiative and UNICEF.

100,620 DOSES OF THE PFIZER VACCINE

On October 25, 2021, the United States donated 100,620 Pfizer vaccines to Nepal. The goal of the donation is to save lives and end the pandemic and is a gift from the American people and part of the United States' ongoing support to Nepal during the pandemic.

The Pfizer vaccines add to the 1.53 million single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccines donated to Nepal in July, and over \$122 million in aid given to Nepal in the form of life-saving medical supplies, training, and technical support.

In addition, the work USAID and its partners are doing to help Nepal prepare to receive this first tranche of Pfizer vaccines will prepare the country to receive more; Nepal plans to procure from Pfizer an additional 6 million doses to vaccinate children throughout the country.

The Pfizer vaccine is an mRNA vaccine, proven to be highly effective against COVID-19, including against all known variants, and has been approved for use in children ages 12 and above.

UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

\$85 million Since the beginning of the pandemic, USAID's COVID-19 assistance has reached the entire Nepali population.

These funds have been mobilized for technical and human resource support and equipment and supplies for Nepal's COVID-19 response; risk communication and community engagement; training of health care workers and volunteers; media campaigns to counter misinformation and encourage people to get vaccinated.

Specific areas of support include: technical assistance on COVID-19 testing, contact tracing and surveillance, treatment, lab strengthening, infection prevention, border control; technical experts for response and preparedness, and vaccine preparedness, roll-out, registration and reporting; telemedicine for COVID patients isolating in their homes, including mental health support; strengthening the laboratory system for both testing and genomic sequencing of COVID-19 variants; training and recruitment of healthcare workers in a surge capacity; strengthening critical care including for children; and expanding antigen testing. USAID has also procured commodities including oxygen cylinders, breathing devices, test kits, personal protective equipment, and other infection prevention supplies.

150+ ventilators and breathing equipment such as BiPAP & CPAP machines and monitors

1,000+ oxygen cylinders

80 oxygen concentrators

6.4 million items of personal protective equipment, which includes face shields, masks, tunics, and gloves

565,000 rapid diagnostic test kits

100 ICU beds

500 genomic sequencing kits

40,000 PCR test kits and one PCR machine

Life-saving antiretroviral drugs to more than **19,800** people living with HIV

✦ The installation of **6 liquid oxygen tank systems** across the country at: COVID-19 Unified Central Hospital (Bir Hospital); Paropakar Maternity and Women's Hospital; Seti Hospital; Narayani Hospital; Bharatpur Hospital; Koshi Hospital. These systems can provide an uninterrupted supply of oxygen, or refill around 40 cylinders of 40L capacity in an hour. They provide a long-term, sustainable solution for Nepal to meet its oxygen needs.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (DoD)

\$7.5 Million in funding for Nepal thus far that has enabled the DoD team for isolation and disaster camps, and to purchase oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, liquid oxygen storage tank support systems, non-invasive breathing and oxygen therapy devices, telemedicine equipment, handwashing stations and hygiene kits, COVID-19 testing kits, and medical equipment and gear for health clinics and health care workers.

Most recently, DoD delivered:

4,200+ 47L Oxygen Cylinders

250+ BiPAP & CPAP machines

18 Disaster Response System containers with each able to accommodate 100 people

On August 31, 2021, members of the United States Utah Air National Guard's 151st Air Refueling Wing, in coordination with U.S. Transportation Command's Denton Program for private donations, delivered lifesaving equipment and humanitarian supplies. The donations of supplies and equipment targeted the needs identified by the Government of Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population.