

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
RAJYA SABHA
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HUMANITARIAN AID TO PALESTINE

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :-

- a) whether it is a fact that humanitarian aid has been sent to the war affected Palestine in the year 2023, if so, details thereof;
- b) the details of aid sent amid war and crisis, country-wise, in distress since 2020; and
- c) the amount spent on aid, country-wise, since 2020, mission-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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(a) Yes. Government of India has sent humanitarian aid in two tranches by IAF C-17 flights for the people of Palestine:

Tranche-I: 6.5 tonnes of medical aid & 32 tonnes of disaster relief materials on 22.10.2023

Tranche-II: 10 tonnes of medical supplies & 22 tonnes of disaster relief materials on 19.11.2023

The material includes essential life-saving medicines, surgical items, ECG machines, tents, sleeping bags, tarpaulins, sanitary utilities, and water purification tablets among other necessary items.

(b & c) The details are placed at [Annexure-I](#).

Humanitarian Assistance or Disaster Relief extended by India since FY 2019-20

S.No	Country	Background
2019-20		
1	DPR Korea	Supply of Anti-TB medicines worth USD 1 Million.
2	DPR Korea	Supply of humanitarian food assistance worth USD 1 Million.
3	China	COVID aid worth Rs. 2.11 crore
4	Israel	COVID aid worth Rs. 27.6 lakh
5	Maldives	COVID aid worth Rs. 37.4 lakh
6	Iran	COVID aid worth Rs. 27.8 lakh
7	Italy	COVID aid worth Rs. 9 lakh
8	Bhutan	COVID aid worth Rs. 8 lakh
9	Bangladesh	COVID aid worth Rs. 2.5 lakh
2020-21		
<p>(i) Early Pandemic Response: Drugs (HCQ, essential drugs including antibiotics, testing kits, covid-related protection gear), test-kits and protective gear worth approx Rs. 100 crore Provided and grant basis for a total of 82 countries (including 25 countries in Africa and 27 countries in Latin America).</p> <p>Apart from medical aid, India has also rendered technical assistance in the form of dispatching Rapid Response Teams (sent to Comoros, Mauritius, Kuwait and Maldives); setting up of SAARC information exchange platform ; and e-ITEC training programmes for delivering Covid -related training for healthcare professionals in SAARC countries.</p>		
<p>(ii) Other HADR response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 40,000 litres of Malathion was supplied to Iran for pest control to assist in locust swarm attacks in 2020-21. • 2000 MT of Rice was delivered to Madagascar & Comoros (1000 MT for each country) through naval ship as food assistance for the ongoing drought/ famine crisis. • Flood relief kits were sent to Cambodia, Vietnam and Fiji in the wake of extreme weather events like floods and typhoons. • 6.18 MT vegetable seeds to Fiji for post-disaster reconstruction in agri-sector • Essential medicines to support health systems of countries like Djibouti, Sudan, South Sudan, Tunisia, and Sao Tome & Principe. 		

HADR provided by India during 2021-22, 2022-23 & 2023-24 :

S. No.	Country	Type of Relief	Cost in Rs.*	Delivery Status
2021-22				
1	Kiribati	Covid Aid+ Medicines (559 Kgs)	Rs. 15.50 lakh	Delivered (Feb 2022)
2	Mozambique	500 MT of Rice	Rs. 2.01 crore	Delivered (Dec 2021)
2	Sri Lanka	IL Rapid Antigen kits	Rs. 99.91 lakh	Delivered (Feb 2022)
4	Timor Leste	Supply of 2000 MT of rice	Rs. 12.42 crore	Delivered (March 2022)
5	Ukraine	Medicines +Med equipment	Rs. 5.44 crore	Delivered (Mar 2022)
2022-2023				
6	Afghanistan	50,000 MT of wheat [Delivered 40,000 MT until 05.08.22]	111.80 crore	
7	Afghanistan	Anti-TB medicines	Medicine: FOC + transportation	Delivered (Jul 2022)
8	Afghanistan (UNODC)	1100 Blankets + 1100 hygiene kits	8.42 crore	Delivered (March 2023)
9	Bhutan	Medicines (incl Covid relief)	Rs. 2.40 crore	Delivered (Apr 2022)
10	Fiji	Supply of PPE Kits, Face Masks and Anti-retroviral medicines + Anti TB drugs (2854 kgs)	Rs. 1.15 crore	Delivered (Apr 2022)
11	Mozambique	Donation of PPE Kits & Face Masks	Rs. 56.45 lakh	Delivered In Aug 2022
12	Seychelles, Comoros, Maldives, Equatorial Guinea, Iran, Bhutan, Nauru, Fiji, Afghanistan, Botswana, Zimbabwe	Anti-TB medicines Delivered: Maldives, EG, Iran, Bhutan, Nauru, Fiji, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Seychelles, Comoros.	Rs. 39.25 lakh (for 9 countries)	

13	Solomon Islands	Med +Seeds+ Anti-TB drugs (Approx 2088 kgs)	Rs. 1.12 crore	Delivered (Jun 2022)
14	Sri Lanka	General Medicines	Rs. 5.6 crore	Delivered (May 2022)
15	Syria**	Emergency use medicines and Medical equipment (13.3 tons) + Disaster Relief Material (sleeping mats, blankets, solar lamps, tarpaulins, baby food, Gensets – 15.5 tons) as earthquake relief	Rs. 3.68 crore	Delivered (Feb 2023)
16	Tonga	Disaster relief material (9,655 kgs)	Rs. 95.08 lakh	Delivered (May 2022)
17	Turkiye**	3 NDRF SAR Team (152 personnel incl. 5 mahila + 6 cannies & 6 handlers) from 07 – 18 Feb 2023 and One Medical Team (60 Para Field Hospital) consisting 99 personnel from 7-18 Feb 2023 were deployed in Turkiye for earthquake rescue operation + Medical Equipment (3.8 tons) + Disaster Relief Material (Blanket – 3000 pcs)	Rs. 5.01 crore	Delivered (Feb 2023)
18	Ukraine	Medicines, medical equipment	Rs. 1.75 crore	Delivered (Apr 2022)
19	Ukraine	Emergency Use medicines	Rs. 1.44 crore	Delivered (Sep 2022)
2023-24				
20	Afghanistan	10,000 MT of Wheat	Rs.29.09 crore	Delivered in August 2023
21	Afghanistan	Baby foods and hygiene kits in two tranches		Delivered in Oct 23
22	Fiji	ARV Drugs	Rs.1.07 crore	Delivered in July 2023
23	Malawi	Disaster relief material, general medicines and anti-cancer drugs		Delivered in Sept 2023
24	Nepal	Relief sent in 4 Tranchees - (i) Tranche I despatched on 05.11.2023 (Medicines-1.1 tons) + (Disaster relief material: 10.5 tons) by IAF C130;		

		(ii) Tranche II despatched on 06.11.2023 (Disaster relief material – 9 tons) by IAF C130 (iii) Tranche III despatch on 09.11.2023 (Medicines- 200 kgs) + disaster relief material: 12 tons) by IAF C130; and (iv) Tranche IV dispatched on 17.11.2023 (medicines) by road.		
25	Palau	Essential medicines and Medical equipment	Rs. 63.37 lakhs	Delivered in June'2023
26	Palestine	Tranche I: 6.5 tonnes medical equipment and 32 tonnes of disaster relief material Tranche II: 10 tonnes of medical equipment, life saving drugs and 22 tonnes of disaster relief materials		Tranche I delivered in Oct 2023 and Tranche II delivered in Nov 2023
27	Peru	1000 units of Human Immuna-globulin Injections	Rs. 8.94 lakhs	Delivered in August 2023
28	Sao Tome & Principe	Life Saving Drugs	Rs. 42.21 lakhs	Delivered in June 2023
29	Suriname	Essential medicines	Rs. 4.97 crore	Delivered in July 2023
30	Ukraine	Tranche I: Disaster relief material and essential medicines Tranche II: Medical equipment and gensets		Delivered in Jul 2023 Tranche II is being delivered

**incl. transportation*

*** excluding transport*

COVID-19 vaccines provided by India during 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 :

India has supplied a total of 30.12 crore doses of vaccines to 99 countries and two UN entities since January 2021 under Vaccine Maitri. Out of this, India has gifted 1.51 crore doses of vaccines to more than 50 countries and supplied vaccine 5.20 crore doses to 48 countries through the COVAX mechanism. Details of vaccines supplied under Vaccine Maitri are available at: <https://www.mea.gov.in/vaccine-supply.htm>
