

**Japan Platform launches new emergency response that focuses on India and Nepal where COVID-19 cases are surging, in addition to its ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency Response**  
**-Calling for donations as Delta variant causes rapid increase in cases-**

On May 28, Japan Platform (hereafter referred to as JPF; Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo), has decided to launch a new emergency response that focuses on India and Nepal, where the variant found in India (Delta variant) has been rapidly spreading, in addition to JPF's ongoing COVID-19 Emergency Response. We ask for your generous support.

**Emergency Response for Indian Variant of COVID-19 (Donations accepted through shared account with Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency Response)**

- **Period:** Six months (initial response)
- **Budget:** 126,286,152 yen (government funding, private funding)
- **Locations:** India, Nepal
- **Content of program:** Healthcare, livelihood support, WASH, food
- **Implementation partners:** ADRA Japan (ADRA), Foundation for International Development/Relief (FIDR), Japan Asian Association & Asian Friendship Society (JAFS), Japan International Support Program (JISP), Nippon International Cooperation for Community Development (NICCO), Peace Winds Japan (PWJ), SEEDS Asia (SEEDS), Shapla Neer (SN), Shanti Volunteer Association (SVA)

\*The program period and budget will be re-examined as needed depending on the situation on the ground.

◆ **Overview**

- ◇ JPF has decided to launch a new emergency response that focuses on India and Nepal, where the new COVID variant found in India (Delta variant) has been rapidly spreading, in addition to its ongoing Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency Response, which has been carried out in designated locations\*<sup>1</sup> since February 2020.
- ◇ In India, COVID-19 cases began surging in March, reaching a peak of more than 400,000 cases per day. As of May 30, the daily case count is still over 160,000\*<sup>2</sup>. This increase in patients has led to a shortage in oxygen concentrators. In addition, lockdowns have caused many people to lose their jobs and fall into poverty in both cities and rural communities. There is a need for oxygen concentrators, food and hygiene items as well as support for people who have fallen into poverty.
- ◇ Following the surge of COVID-19 cases in India, many of the Nepali migrant workers who were working in India returned to their home country beginning in late April. This has led to a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases in Nepal. The cumulative number of cases as of the end of May was over 520,000, and the country hit a record daily death toll of 246 on May 19\*<sup>3</sup>. Their healthcare system, which was already challenged, has been further overwhelmed, and access to much-needed goods and aid has been restricted due to lockdowns and suspensions of international flights effecting logistics. There is a need for aid in healthcare and WASH as well as support for people who have fallen into poverty.
- ◇ In both India and Nepal, government, UN agencies and NGOs are currently coordinating their response. JPF and JPF member NGOs will take all precautions to protect both aid workers and beneficiaries against COVID-19 while delivering assistance that responds to the needs on the ground. Future developments will be reported on the [JPF website](#) as well as through its [Facebook account](#).

\*1: JPF, "Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency Response: Program Policies"

<https://www.japanplatform.org/E/programs/coronavirus2020.html>

\*2: World Health Organization, [WHO Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Dashboard \(30 May 2021\)](#)

\*3: DanChurchAid, [Nepal - COVID-19 Response Situation Report No. 02 \(25 May 2021\)](#)

### ◆ Donation accounts for JPF Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency Response

\*Your donation can be designated either "to Japan and all targeted locations internationally" or "only to Japan." The virus knows no borders, if no designation is made we will use your gift for all targeted locations.

Please see [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Emergency Response page](#) for donations through Japan Post Bank.

#### International Remittance

**Account Name:** TOKUHI JAPAN PLATFORM (Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform)  
**Bank Name:** MUFG Bank, Ltd (Swift Code: BOTKJPJT)  
**Branch:** Head Office  
**Bank Address:** 2-7-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-8388, Japan  
**Account:** Saving  
**Account No.:** 0212719

\*Donations made to this account will be designated to Japan and all targeted locations internationally. If you wish your donation to be designated only to Japan, please send us a [request for receipt](#) and write "only to Japan" in the memo column below "Other" in the "Donation to" section.

\*Courtesy of MUFJ Bank, transfers made from any MUFJ branch or ATM will be exempt from transfer fees (from May 14, 2020).

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To support us in conducting initial emergency assessment in the face of future disasters and conflicts, we ask you to donate through the following methods:

\*This will not go to a specific program including the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Program, but rather to support our general activities.

#### General Donation

**Account Name:** TOKUHI JAPAN PLATFORM (Specified Nonprofit Corporation Japan Platform)  
**Bank Name:** Japan Post Bank  
**Code and Account No.:** 00100-7-757910

\*Please write "General donation" in the notes column.

\* Thank you for covering the service fee.

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[https://www.japanplatform.org/support/monthly\\_supporter.html](https://www.japanplatform.org/support/monthly_supporter.html) [In Japanese only]

### ◆ About Japan Platform (JPF)

JPF was established in 2000 as a new mechanism for Japanese emergency humanitarian assistance provision where NGOs, the business community, and the government work together in equal partnership. JPF provides various forms of support to Japanese member NGOs to provide rapid and efficient emergency assistance abroad as well as within Japan. Over the years, JPF has built trust by providing assistance through more than 1,800 projects in more than 50 countries and regions of the world with a total amount of more than 71 billion yen as we promoted cooperation between businesses and NGOs and provided solid activity reports. Information is shared among more than 40 JPF member NGOs in various fields of expertise to create assistance projects together. In the Great East Japan Earthquake relief efforts, which received a total of more than 7 billion yen from the private sector, we worked together with regional cooperation and intermediary support organizations in the affected prefectures in supporting local NGOs and contributed to the development of reconstruction frameworks. (JPF is currently conducting Fukushima Response Program.)



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