

‘PROJECT EXTENSION HOSPITALS’ AND ‘PROJECT O2’

India is currently battling its second COVID-19 wave, which requires a more coordinated and focused approach to provide immediate relief to the people of India. The Government of India is working with various stakeholders to provide critical medical care to people who need it the most, while simultaneously preparing to expand its COVID-19 vaccination efforts from May 1, 2021, to cover all its citizens above 18 years of age.

Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser, Government of India (O/o PSA, GoI) is calling for private sector companies, donor organizations, and individuals to join India’s fight against COVID-19 by providing philanthropic funding to help scale up high-impact health technology and infrastructure solutions. They can do this by supporting **‘Project Extension Hospitals’** and **‘Project O2’**.

1. Project Extension Hospitals:

These funds will be used to set up 20-100 bedded hospitals in 10 days to 4 weeks, in various districts which are seeing a rapid surge of confirmed COVID-19 cases. Developed by Modulus Housing, a start-up incubated at the Indian Institute of Technology - Madras, [MediCAB hospitals](#) are designed with a dedicated zone of intensive care units which provide a sophisticated design that can accommodate all the life-support equipment and medical devices like oxygen concentrators and ventilators. These rapidly deployable hospitals will plug a major health infrastructure gap in India’s fight against COVID, especially in rural areas and smaller towns.

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2. Project O2:

Additionally, these funds will also go towards procuring medical oxygen through ‘Project O2’ for various health facilities in India, which have been facing critical shortfalls due to the massive increase in cases over the last few weeks. ‘Project O2’ will cater to meeting this demand by supporting government hospitals to procure oxygen and related high priority equipment from approved manufacturers and start-ups, supporting manufacturers, and start-ups to scale up capacity, address logistic challenges, enable supplies to extended/make-shift hospitals, and strengthen R&D and innovation for future pandemics.

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