

2021 India COVID-19 Outbreak

Situation Report #1

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS

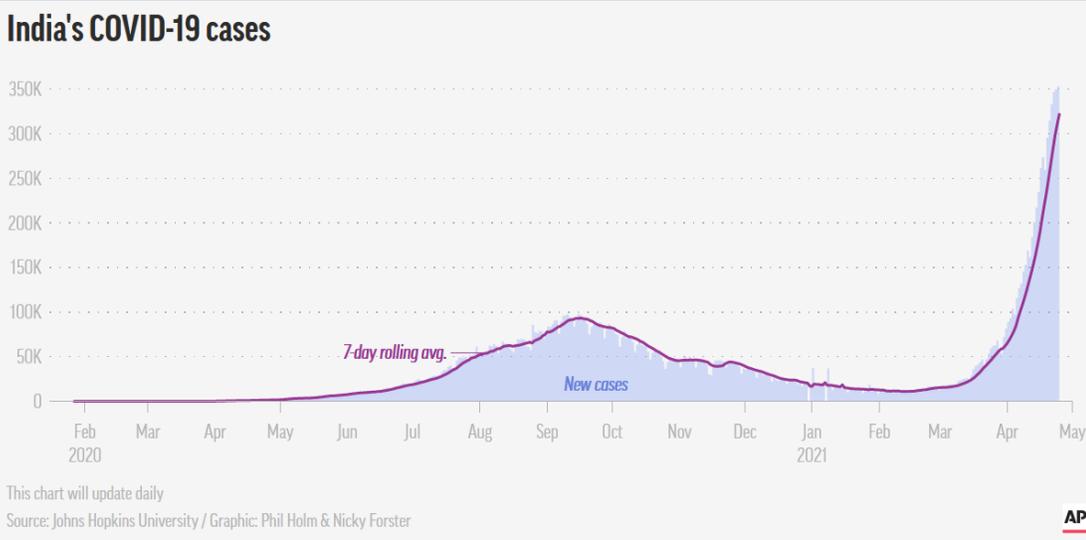
- India reached a record high of **352,991 new cases and 2,812 deaths in one day** on April 25, 2021.
- Infection rates within India are the highest ever seen, nearly triple the 2020 former highest rates.
- Only 1.58% of the population of India has been fully vaccinated against COVID-19
- Project HOPE is coordinating with local partners and government officials to locally procure PPE and critically needed medical equipment

SITUATION OVERVIEW

With the total of COVID-19 cases now surpassing 17 million, India has seen a major increase in cases of COVID-19 since March 2021. **In the past month, there have been 5,404,253 new cases of COVID-19** across the country of India. In one day, there were 352,991 new cases and 2,812 deaths, a new global record and an

Quick Facts

- India is experiencing a massive outbreak of COVID-19 exacerbated by shortages of critical supplies.
- Items most in need are PPE, oxygen supplies, ICU equipment, and ventilators.
- Project HOPE is working with local partners to mobilizing procurements of critical medical



increase of 140% across the past 2 weeks. In addition, only 1.58% of the entire population of India having been fully vaccinated. The spread of COVID-19 has been exacerbated by massive national gatherings for religious and political purposes. Across the country, **hospitals and ICUs are operating at or over capacity.** India's government has activated its military to support the treatment of COVID-19 patients, and lockdowns are being re-implemented in many states.

A critical shortage of oxygen has increased the number of deaths from COVID-19 while a lack of PPE has threatened to further increase the outbreak. **The surge is expected to peak in May with daily new cases reaching 500,000.** The capital of New Delhi is the hardest hit with severe oxygen shortages and ICU beds due to its reliance on supplies from the central government.

PROJECT HOPE'S RESPONSE

Project HOPE is working with local partners and government officials to facilitate the rapid **procurement and distribution of PPE, oxygen supplies, ICU equipment, ventilators, and other critical items** to support the overwhelmed healthcare system. Initial plans target four states in India, coordinating with government officials to get supplies to hospitals and clinics where they are needed most.

Project HOPE has been implementing health related projects in India for the past decade, with its most recent project being implemented in Odisha state on health and hand hygiene at the community level. In connection with our current local NGO partner on the ground in Odisha, India, HOPE has identified potential areas of response to be in Odisha, West Bengal, Karnataka and Delhi, India. Identified needs include oxygen tanks, tents and tubes, ICU beds, PPE and decontamination units.

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