Dear Project HOPE supporter,

The second year of COVID-19 brought a new set of challenges. While major global health needs like PPE and medical equipment continued to be essential, other threats underscored the health inequities that the pandemic has revealed.

Project HOPE’s COVID-19 response delivered millions of pieces of PPE and trained tens of thousands of health care workers worldwide in 2021. But as we learned more about the gaps and health inequities from COVID-19, we developed creative solutions to connect overlooked, underserved, and marginalized communities to care.

In Ecuador, Project HOPE trained community health workers to reach indigenous communities in their own Kichwa, and Shuar languages, while in Ethiopia we developed radio spots to provide COVID-19 information in Amharic, Somali, and Afar languages. And in Mexico, we trained youth leaders on COVID-19 prevention and used social media to reach hundreds of thousands of people.

Thanks to your support, we’re closing the gaps to health care access and helping to overcome vaccine hesitancy around the world. But we’re also supporting our neighbors in the U.S. by partnering with free and charitable clinics that are providing access to vaccines in refugee, migrant, and other underserved communities.

COVID-19 is an evolving threat that has stretched, challenged, and transformed our organization. But thanks to you, we have been able to deliver the health solutions that change lives. As you’ll see in this report, funding from private donors is critical so we are able to respond when every second counts — for people in places where the virus is surging, but also for those in the quiet corners of the world who deserve the same access to care.

Thank you.

Rabin Torbay
President and CEO,
Project HOPE

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**In 2021, Project HOPE:**

- Reached more than 791,000 people through our COVID-19 programs
- Implemented COVID-19 activities in 98 countries
- Distributed more than 18 million pieces of PPE across 15 countries
- Trained more than 63,000 people in our COVID-19 programs
- Screened more than 40,000 people for COVID-19
- Implemented mental health trainings in 30 countries
- Helped deliver COVID-19 vaccine trainings in 40 countries across Africa
Responding to India’s Devastating COVID-19 Wave

A second wave of COVID-19 devastated India last spring, pushing hospitals and health systems to the brink countrywide. At the peak of the wave, more than 400,000 people were contracting COVID-19 every day, with daily death rates soaring above 4,000.

Project HOPE rapidly mobilized medical equipment, oxygen, and PPE to help India’s health care workers endure the wave. Even amid heartbreaking loss, Project HOPE was there to support the frontline health care workers, patients, and families in the moments that mattered most.

Thanks to you, our COVID-19 response in India:

- Reached more than 178,000 people in 1,671 communities
- Distributed more than 35,000 pieces of equipment, including 2,900 ventilators
- Trained more than 4,700 health care workers

Rushing Support to Health Care Workers in Nepal

India’s outbreak had devastating effects on Nepal’s overwhelmed health system, which experienced a 4,000% increase in COVID-19 cases in a matter of weeks. Nepal faced critical shortages of medicines, beds, ventilators, oxygen, and PPE at the peak of the wave, with the border province of Lumbini especially hard hit. Project HOPE worked with local partners to distribute medical equipment like oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators, BIPAP machines, PPE sets, masks, ICU beds, and medical tents to support frontline health care workers in provinces across the country.

Thanks to you, our COVID-19 response in Nepal:

- Delivered PPE and medical equipment to 13 hospitals and 6 health care centers in Lumbini Province
- Trained more than 4,500 health care workers

More than 1.7 million pieces of PPE and medical equipment distributed

3,000 volunteers utilized nationwide
Expanding Vaccine Equity in Texas

In Houston and McAllen, Texas, there are critical gaps in vaccine access that affect families in underserved, uninsured, and marginalized communities. Project HOPE is working with free and charitable clinics in Harris and Hidalgo counties to improve access to COVID-19 vaccines, combat misinformation, and vaccinate thousands of people.

**Project HOPE’s COVID-19 response in Texas:**

- Has provided free vaccines to **hundreds of Afghan refugees** in the Greater Houston Area
- Will vaccinate more than **3,200** people in Houston and the Rio Grande Valley
- Has engaged more than **70 partners** across East Texas
- Has engaged more than **11 community health care workers** and vaccinators employed across **four free and charitable clinics**
- Will reach more than **30,000** people with COVID-19 outreach and education materials

Supporting Health Care Workers’ Mental Health

Health care workers are among the most vulnerable to the mental health effects of the pandemic. More than half of those responding to COVID-19 have experienced mental health issues, with nurses and doctors reporting high rates of anxiety, depression, suicide, insomnia, and distress.

To address the toll of COVID-19 on mental health, Project HOPE is implementing mental health and resiliency trainings for frontline health workers worldwide. Originally piloted in the Dominican Republic and Indonesia, the training is expanding across five continents and reaching some of the world’s most vulnerable communities.

Thanks to you, our COVID-19 mental health trainings will reach more than **50,000 health care workers** around the world.
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