FORUM: Advisory Panel

QUESTION OF: Measures to Promote a Resilient Recovery from the Adverse Social Consequences of the Pandemic in India

MAIN-SUBMITTED BY: Poland

CO-SUBMITTED BY: Bangladesh, France, USA, Afghanistan, United Kingdom, Russia, Germany, India

ADVISORY PANEL,

*Alarmed*by the report published by the Center for Global Development, about 3.4 million to 4.7 million excess deaths estimated regarding Covid-19 issues,

*Aware of*the intense escalation in India’s unemployment rate from 5.27 percent in 2019 to 7.11 percent in 2020, according to the report by the Center for Economic Data and Analysis (CDEA),

*Realizing*India’s Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted by 7.3% in 2021-21, stated by the Ministry of Statistics,

*Applauding*UNICEF for supporting 3.6 million people in India by supplying water, sanitation, hygiene (WASH) supplies and services,

*Expressing its appreciation*of the World Bank supporting vulnerable classes of India by providing about $1.65 billion since the advent of Covid-19 in India,

*Noting with satisfaction*that USAID assisted India’s situation by sending $200 million and 214,000 medical workforces to India,

*Recognizing*that the sudden outbreak of COVID-19 impacted the global community including India drastically,

*Acknowledging* that India has more than 48,000 new cases being reported every day, taking 13% of the new cases reported globally,

*Deeply concerned* that the problem of unemployment and food security is getting severe as a side effect of COVID-19,

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1. Requests financial support from the member nations of the United Nations (UN) and More Economically Developed Countries (MEDCs) in providing financial support for medical treatments and supplies for COVID-19 patients in India to remediate the geometric increase in the number of COVID-19 patients and the issues raised by the lack of medical facilities and treatments in ways such as but not limited to:
	1. providing COVID-19 test kits to identify COVID-19 confirmed patients to make the process of COVID-19 testing faster by:
		1. passing down technology to Indian pharmacists in ways to increase the supply of test kits,
		2. conducting COVID-19 tests on all citizens of India,
	2. making oxygen tanks required for COVID treatments more accessible for patients, so that there are no more patients being sacrificed due to the lack of oxygen tanks through ways such as:
		1. setting the price ceiling so that poor people can also buy oxygen tanks,
		2. increasing the imports of oxygen tanks in India to increase the supply,
	3. providing about 5% of vaccination production of each member of UN to India to speed up the vaccination,
	4. funding and support from related international organizations and corporations in implementing projects for providing medical supplies and treatments in India such as:
		1. sending professionals from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United  Nations Foundation to carry out health check-ups of children and ensure that the citizens in India are receiving enhanced medical treatments for the pandemic,
		2. Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) Program by UNICEF to provide better health conditions for the citizens;

 Main-Submitted by: Poland

1. Asks the United Nations Children’s Fund (UNICEF) to support education for students in India which have been suspended due to the COVID-19 Pandemic by such as but not limited to:
2. creating an environment where online classes can be conducted in areas where the number of COVID-19 cases confirmed are rapidly increasing by:
	* 1. lecturing students on how to use video class programs such as Zoom and use good internet etiquette,
		2. providing equal educational opportunities for all students by providing computers to students in low-income levels,
		3. installing high-speed internet in schools so that online classes could be conducted without interruption,
	1. creating a safe learning environment from COVID-19 so that offline classes can be resumed as soon as possible by:
		1. allowing only faculty members with low body temperature to enter the school after vaccination,
		2. hiring professional companies that can provide efficient disinfection for the safety of students at school,
	2. making sure that students are safe from COVID-19 so that they can return to school as soon as possible by:
		1. teaching the students ways to prevent the virus by safely staying at home and keeping their bodies clean by providing videos on how to prevent COVID-19 in their daily lives,
		2. initiating vaccination for secondary students so that group immunity can occur within the school when offline classes resume;

Main-Submitted by: Bangladesh

1. Suggests that local governments, broadcasting stations, and nonprofit organizations plan and display programs that remind the people of the dangers of the pandemic, and explain specific information and countermeasures of COVID-19 in detail, such as but not limited to:
	1. emphasizing the global population and economic damage caused by COVID-19 by covering COVID-19 documentaries,
	2. conducting a campaign in social media such as Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter to encourage the people worldwide to recognize the seriousness of the pandemic situation of India and support it through various means, through means such as:
		1. participate in the campaign by retweeting the posts made by local governments and nonprofit organizations,
		2. post the stories of people in need of supplies such as oxygen, ventilators, or a hospital bed to find help online,
		3. donate supplies such as hand sanitizer, money, masks, etc. to the specific organization helping patients in India,
		4. participate in volunteering works in India regarding COVID-19 issues,
2. holding a mandatory meeting in operational schools detailing specific information about the spread, effects, and countermeasures of COVID-19,
3. providing education to inform people of the dangers of COVID-19 by having local government officials travel all over India;

 Main-Submitted by: Bangladesh

1. Requests the Indian government to regulate and support the citizens’ life by enacting several laws and policies such as but not limited to:
	1. providing specific assistance to the citizens by not only providing a certain amount of sanitation supplies but also aiding financial support such as but not limited to:
		1. temporarily lessening the amount of taxes that the individual should pay to the government,
		2. giving a fixed number of masks to each of the citizens and managing the number of the masks that each citizen can receive through their ID card,
		3. placing numbers of hand sanitizers in public places, such as subway stations, public libraries, airports, etc.,
		4. installing more public hygiene facilities to improve the cleanliness of the country,
	2. controlling the behavior of citizens through the surveillance and tracking according to the legislation approved by the government, such as but not limited to:
		1. managing the business hours of stores and companies to reduce the people’s activities,
		2. reinforcing the obligation to wear masks both outdoor and indoor, and impose fines or sentence imprisonment in case of disobeying,
		3. imposing a curfew of citizens at a specific period to discourage the citizens’ outdoor activities,
		4. limiting the possible number of people that can gather;

 Main-Submitted by: Bangladesh

1. Urges the Indian government to resolve the unemployment crisis in India by keeping a strict watch on the education system and trying to implement new ways to generate a skilled labor force through specific means, such as but not limited to:
	1. improving the education system of the country by:
		1. constructing more educational facilities such as preschools, childcare, primary-elementary schools, secondary-high schools,
		2. holding professional education meetings once a semester and require the teachers of educational institutions to participate and discuss about various directions for dealing with students,
	2. providing job seekers of India an opportunity to consult with a career guidance expert to choose the best career path for them,
	3. encouraging and developing the agriculture-based industries in the rural area to prevent the concentration of rural residents in urban areas who migrated from the job opportunities, allowing more foreign companies to open their unit in India so that more employment opportunities will be available;

Main-Submitted by: France

1. Recommends the India Trade Promotion Organization (ITPO) and the Indian government address the severe food insecurity issue through means such as but not limited to:
	1. providing farmers with protection from the free market through specific means such as but not limited to:
		1. revoking the anti-farm laws placed on Indian farmers on September 2019,
		2. providing measures to allow the farmers to be more directly connected to the market for increased revenue,
	2. supporting local farmers and agricultural workers to increase the supply of food in ways such as but not limited to:
		1. subsidizing the farmers to encourage mass production,
		2. providing farmers with basic farming supplies,
		3. sending professionals from relevant organizations to aid the local farmers by giving agricultural techniques,
		4. exempting local farmers from taxation and lockdown protocols
	3. alleviating the food price inflation by improving the market transparency;

Main-Submitted by: Poland

1. Recommends the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Association of Healthcare Providers (AHPI) to cooperate to prevent the COVID infection from hospitals which is one of the major places that infections occur by such as but not limited to:
	1. ensuring that doctors and nurses are safe so that they do not spread the virus to others by:
		1. providing vaccines so that all doctors and nurses have a 100 percent of vaccination rate,
		2. checking if quarantine masks and costumes are functioning well in preventing the virus daily,
	2. restricting patients from receiving visitors to prevent additional infections by:
		1. allowing entrance only an hour before 9 p.m. a day,
		2. issuing an access permission so that the access of people is restricted other than one visitor per patient;

Main-Submitted by: France

1. Requests the Government of India to ensure that its citizens are aware of the COVID-19 countermeasure protocols, and are strictly following the measures by ways such as but not limited to:
	1. educating its citizens about the effects and countermeasures of COVID-19 in ways such as but not limited to:
		1. broadcasting frequently on local television stations,
		2. holding a mandatory meeting in operational schools detailing specific information about the spread, effects, and countermeasures of COVID-19,
		3. presenting relevant information on posters and billboards throughout India,
	2. creating and reinforcing laws against breaking COVID-19 protocols such as:
		1. requiring all citizens to wear a proper mask outdoors,
		2. restricting certain leisure activities,
		3. quarantining personals with abnormally high temperatures,
		4. banning gatherings of more than 5 people,
	3. providing citizens with COVID-19 countermeasure supplies such as but not limited to:
		1. masks,
		2. sanitary supplies;