



## **Nepali Heritage Charity Foundation of BC (NHCF)**

**The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,  
Prime Minister of Canada.**

May 21, 2021

Dear Prime Minister,

We thank you for the unprecedented steps your government has taken to protect people in Canada from the coronavirus and its impacts. With your inspiring leadership and guidance, Canada is committed to a robust global effort to stop COVID-19 and address its devastating health, social, economic and security impacts on people around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic is a global threat that does not recognize borders. It will only be overcome through coordinated global action.

As the international community focuses on the humanitarian crisis in India, a deadly coronavirus crisis is also unfolding in neighboring Nepal, leaving the small Himalayan nation in a battle it is ill-prepared to fight, public health. The second wave of COVID-19 cases are skyrocketing in Nepal. The situation is touted to be worse than India as the number of deaths and infection rapidly climb every day. Nepal's epidemic is accelerating at a faster rate than that of India. Nepal is probably in the brink of a massive crisis with one of the poorest infrastructures and health systems to be hit by the second wave of Covid-19.

The devastating surge in coronavirus infections has exposed Nepal's dilapidated health infrastructure and a chronic shortage of oxygen – a key treatment for seriously ill COVID-19 patients. Poor healthcare infrastructure, remote geography, and systematic challenges of coordinating information and resources have further compounded this challenge. The virus reproduction rate in Nepal is among the highest in the world.

At the current rate, Nepal's healthcare burden will surpass its capacity within weeks resulting in a massive loss of human lives and will be among the most severe of our lifetime. Despite this, Nepal has received a very limited global attention. We are in a race against time to increase access to life-saving medical supplies like ventilators, oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders, PPE, medicine and other essential healthcare supplies to care for people affected by COVID-19. On top of this, COVID-19 vaccines' supply is unexpectedly halted, creating another level of panic in the general public.

Nepali Heritage Charity Foundation of British Columbia (abbreviated as *NHCF*) in collaboration with all Nepali Community Organizations in BC and across Canada is making a humble appeal to the Government of Canada to provide emergency humanitarian aid to Nepal to boost life-saving assistance for people already living in the world's worst crisis and emergency situations. Canada, being one of the major donors of global vaccine initiative - COVAX, could make significant changes

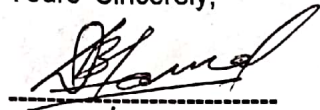
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on the ground by directing it's quota of AstraZeneca vaccine supplies to the hardest hit Nepal. NHCF is strongly hopeful that Canadian support would be diverse in nature from the COVID-19 vaccines to life saving ventilators, oxygen concentrators, medicines, and many more.

NHCF would take this opportunity to share that we have already joined hands with our local volunteers on the ground utilizing our own funding capacity. As a registered Canadian Charity, we would always accept any support, either in cash or kind, from the Federal Government in regard to COVID-19 emergency relief in Nepal. We are sure this joint initiative would bring significant changes in saving the lives and livelihood of the affected people.

Thank you for your valuable time and consideration.

Yours' Sincerely,



**Devendra B. Hamal**  
**President**

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