



## INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR TIBET

### ICT members donate over \$70,000 for Tibetan COVID relief

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As in the rest of India and Nepal, the Tibetan refugee communities have also been battling the COVID-19 pandemic. In August 2021, the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) launched an emergency fundraising campaign to help provide for healthcare workers the resources needed to save lives. Proving they're truly a community of compassion, members of ICT have contributed over \$70,000 to the relief campaign for COVID-19 relief among Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal.

One hundred percent of the \$72,111 donated by ICT members has gone directly to the Department of Health of the Central Tibetan Administration in Dharamsala, India. The money will support COVID-19 prevention and emergency services.

“We cannot thank ICT members enough for generously donating to our COVID-19 fundraiser,” ICT Director of Development Lizzy Ludwig said. “Throughout our history, our members have continually inspired us with their incredible commitment to Tibetan refugees. Now, with COVID-19 afflicting Tibetan communities in the Indian subcontinent, our community of compassion has once again stepped up to provide critical help.”

### COVID relief

The Department of Health says its goal is preventing transmission, morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 and ensuring access to essential medical care for patients with COVID.

Along with other vital services, the support from ICT members will go toward:

- **Vaccinations.** Tibetans who have difficulty obtaining vaccines from local government facilities will receive a free vaccination.
- **Emergency equipment and other vital equipment.** The funds will help provide necessary emergency infrastructure for Department of Health facilities.
- **COVID treatment emergency funds for critical patients.** COVID-positive patients in Tibetan refugee settlements will receive emergency medical care.
- **Additional workforce at health facilities.** To ensure the continuity of essential health services in Tibetan settlements until the pandemic is contained, additional healthcare workers and non-medical staff will be hired.
- **Field visits.** Department of Health staff will make monitoring visits to review COVID-related preparation and implementation in Tibetan settlements.



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