

1,000 Ventilators for India

A Global Task Force for Pandemic Response Initiative

The Need

As India confronts a second wave of COVID-19 infections, the country has identified a shortage of ventilators as a critical gap in its healthcare response.

Ventilators play a significant role in the management of patients with COVID-19, allowing patients' lungs to rest and recover while the ventilator performs the functions of supplying oxygen and simulating the actions of breathing.

What We're Doing

Through the Global Task Force on Pandemic Response, the business community has stepped up to provide 1,000 ventilators (totaling roughly \$30 million) to healthcare facilities across India.

- Medtronic will provide end-to-end support for the initiative, manufacturing the Puritan Bennett™980 ventilators, managing transportation and logistics, and mobilizing teams to provide ventilator installation, technical support on software upgrades and clinical training for clinicians and staff.
- Because this is advanced technology with special installation requirements, the process will ensure that ventilators reach healthcare facilities where they are critically needed and where staff have the technical capabilities to use them.

The Impact

The first shipment of ventilators will land in India on May 5, with additional shipments to follow. All 1,000 ventilators, are expected to reach India by June 3.

- In coordination with the Government of India, they will be assembled and shipped to designated healthcare facilities for immediate use.

Business Participants

The business community has played a critical role in addressing India's need for ventilators, with 16 businesses joining the Global Task Force's ventilator initiative. Together these businesses will provide over \$30 million in support for India's healthcare response – joining the dozens of businesses who have pledged their support in efforts to provide oxygen concentrators, develop information and best practices to support employees in India, and more.

Participating companies

- Accenture
- Amazon
- Amway
- Apple
- Bank of America
- Cardinal Health
- Citibank
- Facebook
- Goldman Sachs
- McCormick
- Medtronic
- Microsoft
- Nasdaq
- Qualcomm
- Union Pacific
- VMware

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