

Procurement of urgent medical supplies for COVID-19 Response

Background

With the spike of COVID-19 outbreak after the New Year celebrations in mid-April 2020, Sri Lanka's public health resources and capacities are overstretched. Currently, the daily average number of COVID-19 positive cases found in the country is above 1,500 for the past five days and 14,758 people are receiving treatment in hospitals. Many provinces have reported that their hospital beds and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds are occupied by COVID-19 patients and there are reports that in some areas, COVID-19 positive patients were requested to stay home due to lack of hospital bed capacity. Western Province remains the COVID-19 hotspot where highest number of daily COVID-19 positive cases are found through PCR and Rapid Testing. As a result, the Provincial Director of Health Services of Western Province requested UNICEF Sri Lanka Country Office (SLCO) to support procuring key urgent lifesaving medical equipment to provide efficient and timely medical care for increasing COVID-19 patients in the province.

Proposed Activities and Funding Gaps

With the request from the Provincial Director of Health Services of Western Province for support procuring lifesaving equipment (listed below), UNICEF SLCO coordinated with the Ministry of Health, World Health Organization (WHO) Sri Lanka and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) of Government of Australia, to coordinate and prioritize this request. It was agreed among the partners that UNICEF SLCO will procure and deliver the equipment to the Provincial Director of Health Services of Western Province.

Table 1: Requested Medical Equipment by the Western Province Health Services

Required Item	Quantity
Jumbo Oxygen Cylinders	58
Bull nose	233
Oxygen Regulator	221
Oxygen Masks	2,490
Fire extinguishers	20

Expected Impact

With the contribution from DFAT, these urgent lifesaving medical equipment would facilitate timely management of high-risk COVID-19 patients requiring lifesaving medical and ICU treatments in Western Province hospitals.

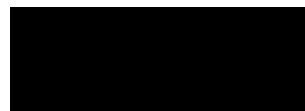
Time Frame

The Western Province Health Services had conducted assessment of the Provincial Hospitals and identified these equipment gaps including required specifications. The equipment can be delivered to the Provincial Director of Health Services of Western Province within 3 – 4 weeks from the date of fund allocation.

Cost estimation

A total of USD 91,390.84 is required.

Activity	USD
Procurement of urgent lifesaving medical equipment	85,412.00
7% HQ recovery	5,978.84
TOTAL	91,390.84



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