

# SITUATION REPORT

## COVID-19 CRISIS IN INDIA

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### SITUATION

In the past weeks, a surge of COVID-19 cases has ravaged India. India recorded over 400,000 new COVID-19 cases on April 30, the most ever recorded in any country during the pandemic. While thousands of deaths are recorded each day, the number of deaths is suspected to be much higher than reported.



Photo: Lutheran World Service India Trust

### RESPONSE

For the past year, Lutheran Disaster Response has continuously supported partners and companion churches throughout India to respond to COVID-19. These partners include:

- Andhra Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Bodo Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Lutheran World Service India Trust
- Manipur Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Padhar Hospital in Madhya Pradesh
- United Evangelical Lutheran Churches in India

They are supporting communities by distributing food and hygiene kits to vulnerable populations, conducting livelihood training for migrants, sharing information about COVID-19, and promoting prevention practices.

LDR is currently gathering updates from partners and companion churches to plan for continued support.

### CALL TO PRAYER

God, our peace and our strength, we pray for India as it faces renewed uncertainties around COVID-19. Protect the most vulnerable, especially all who are currently sick and unable to receive medical care. Grant wisdom, patience, and clarity to health care workers, especially as their work caring for others puts them at great risk. Give those in India courage to face these days not with fear but with compassion, concern, and acts of service, trusting that you abide with us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Adapted from "Prayers for Times of Public Health Concern," ELCA*



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