

Proposal for helping Chamarajanagar district hospital and village health centers during COVID second wave

The situation in Chamarajanagar district is [dire](#). Perhaps because of the *Maari Habba* festival that the government allowed to happen in March (it was cancelled last year) Covid cases in Chamarajanagar district have spiked, sometimes registering 800 cases per day. It has the highest number of cases in all of Karnataka (Excluding Bangalore Urban the remaining 29 districts of Karnataka collectively recorded 1087% increase in active cases, in Chamarajanagar it is 5844%). The Chamarajanagar district hospital ran out of oxygen and [24 people died](#) (some say 10) because of needless argument between the Chamarajanagar District Collector and the Mysore District Collector (Mysore is the nearby district from where oxygen was being sent).

Deenabandhu has worked in the area for over three decades (children's home for ~90 children, a school, Science education program for village government schools and a variety of other programs). They have respect and trust in the community. They have been in discussions with the DHO (District Health Officer) and have decided to procure 8 oxygen concentrators. The nearby medical college is setting up an oxygen generator facility, in the meanwhile these concentrators will be used in the hospital. When the hospital gets oxygen from the new generator facility the concentrators will be moved to gram panchayat offices to be used in the villages. ASHA (Accredited Social Health Activist) health workers will be trained to use them. Deenabandhu will also fund the procurement of pulse oximeters. They **do not plan** to distribute kits with paracetamol and hand soaps, etc. as the villagers can manage this by themselves.

Asha's funds will be used for some of the oxygen concentrators. Infosys foundation has also given a Rs. 10 lakh grant which will be used for the remaining concentrators and other medical equipment.

Cost per oxygen concentrator	# To be procured	Total
Rs. 97,360	8	Rs 778,880