Hon'ble President of India & President of Indian Red Cross Society, Shri Ram Nath Kovind flagged off nine trucks of Red Cross relief supplies from Rashtrapati Bhavan for the people battling devastating floods amidst the ongoing COVID pandemic in the States of Assam, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh, in the presence of Hon'ble Union Health Minister & Chairman IRC, Dr Harsh Vardhan, on July 24th, 2020.

The relief material includes items such as tarpaulins, saris, dhotis, cotton blankets, kitchen sets, mosquito nets and bed sheets and shall be distributed among the needy people in the three states. In addition, COVID-19 protection items such as surgical masks, PPE kits, gloves and face shields are also part of the relief material flagged off by President Kovind. These items will safeguard and protect health workers associated with IRC medical services in these states as well as the volunteers of IRC who are at the forefront of flood relief and rehabilitation efforts.

This supply is being distributed to the concerned states in continuation to the operations already being carried out by IRC to serve affected people across the country.

On the occasion of flagging off, Shri R. K. Jain, IAS (Retd.) Secretary General, IRC briefed the President on the initiatives and the good work being undertaken by IRC to serve people affected by floods and COVID-19 in different parts of the country.

Indian Red Cross Society & Tata Trusts facilitated the shipment of the 1st tranche of 4475 Oxygen Concentrators, donated by Temasek Foundation, Singapore to the Government of India. The shipment was received by Sh. Ashwini Kumar Choubey, Minister of State (HFW) on July 22, 2020.

"The Oxygen Concentrators will substantially aid our fight against COVID19 in the remote and far flung areas,"stated the Hon'ble MoS. He expressed gratitude towards Indian Red Cross for facilitating the import of these devices in the quickest possible time.

The Foundation has offered to donate a total of 20,000 oxygen concentrators to India. The remaining oxygen concentrators will be received in the month of August 2020. These devices will be made available to States and UTs for use in the management of moderate cases of COVID19.

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NHQ Blood Bank
Update from 17th to 23rd July, 2020
Units Collected : 483
Units Issued : 502
Units Available Today- 332 units of PRBC, 56 units of PC, 205 units of FFP; 56 units of WB

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Amidst the rising threat of COVID, teams from IRC Tripura are engaged in spreading info on COVID safety precautions. Volunteers are also distributing masks, etc. among those in need.

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