

Methodology of District wise allocation of Oxygen Concentrators being donated by ACT Grants, Swasth Alliance and Feeding India

Context:

India, in the middle of the second wave of COVID-19, needs to rapidly augment oxygen supply to hospitals. In order to save as many lives as possible, ACT (a not-for-profit movement created by the VC and start-up community in India), Swasth Alliance (a not-for-profit alliance of over 150+ healthcare organisations) and Feeding India (a not-for-profit run by Zomato) are working towards the goal of sourcing and distributing 50,000 oxygen concentrators. These oxygen concentrators will be donated across India free of cost, largely to various public health institutions and NGOs working for public health. Delivery (logistics partner), Temasek Foundation (Sourcing and Funding partner), Paytm (Sourcing partner) and several others from the ecosystem are supporting this effort. MyGov is supporting the initiative by ensuring proper coordination with various stakeholders involved, in particular the District Collectors for most optimal utilization of the oxygen concentrators.

Demand for oxygen concentrators from the frontline is being collected through a form hosted by the Swasth Alliance for all (<https://www.swasth.app/covid19>) and on MyGov.in for District Collectors (<https://self4society.mygov.in/collector>). Various district magistrates, state governments and not-for-profit healthcare providers are required to fill in their requirements of oxygen concentrators in this form.

Allocation Principles and Methodology

Allocation is based on three guiding principles: Equity, Transparency and Impact.

- 1. Equity:** We use data-driven decision-making to identify areas and facilities most in need to allocate the limited supply of oxygen concentrators. While the media focus in the current crisis is on major urban centres, the principle of equity dictates that we also work on supporting rural districts that have far less infrastructure, resources and visibility in the mainstream and social media. To support the principle of inclusion of the poor and marginalized sections of society, our distribution is prioritizing public health facilities and charitable hospitals.
- 2. Transparency:** We are committed to transparency. All details of OCs distributed will be published in the public domain on the MyGov, ACT and Swasth Alliance website.
- 3. Impact:** We are looking to deploy OCs in most impacted regions, as rapidly as possible. To identify these regions, we have developed a methodology which leverages epidemiological data to allocate concentrators across districts of India. This methodology takes into account publicly available COVID-19 data, and is further refined using predictive analytics generated by the Aarogya Setu ITIHAS interface (Developed by IIT Madras) for emerging hotspots.

The methodology is published on MyGov (mygov.in), Swasth (swasth.app) and ACT websites. The district-level distribution of oxygen concentrators will also be made available on: <https://self4society.mygov.in/> and <https://www.swasth.app/oc-deployment>

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