

ACG and ACG CARES FOUNDATION

ACG is building a centralised oxygen system at the Cottage Hospital, Dahanu, a 40 bedded IPD facility catering to the tribal population from Palghar district, Maharashtra. The hospital has a stationary oxygen tank which was never used to this scale till COVID, and hence it was never upgraded to cater to all 40 beds. The centralised oxygen system being built by ACG, will provide oxygen to all the beds and equipment to administer it to patients. The company is providing oxygen concentrators and BiPaP machines to Sion Hospital, the biggest government hospital in Mumbai with a designated 400 bedded COVID ward. The same is also being provided to the designated COVID Care Centres and prominent government healthcare centres in Satara and Palghar districts.

The infographic features a background illustration of a rural landscape with a barn and trees on the left, and healthcare workers in PPE on the right. At the top left is the hashtag #INDUSTRYAGAINST COVID with a red sunburst icon. At the top right is the CII logo (Confederation of Indian Industry). The main title is 'ACG and ACG CARES FOUNDATION INITIATIVES'. Below it are three white boxes with icons and text:

- 40 bedded IPD facility for tribal population in Palghar district, Maharashtra** (Icon: Hospital bed with a cross)
- Providing Oxygen Concentrators and BiPaP machines** (Icon: Oxygen concentrator machine)
- Supported 20 rural healthcare centres with COVID care equipment** (Icon: First aid kit with a cross and 'COVID' text)

In addition, the company has provided a COVID van to the Shirwal COVID Care Centre, which is being run in PPP, with the government bearing the operating expenses. It is to 20 PHCs around Shirwal, Talegaon, Dahanu and Boisar; police stations in Shirwal, Talegaon and Dahanu and to the gram panchayats; family hygiene kits to 15,000 marginalised families; and nutritious, easy to consume snacks and rehydration to frontline health workers. It has also provided 2000 home isolation medicine kits, with basic medicines as prescribed by the district health department, in Dhar, Madhya Pradesh.

ACG is working with the local authorities to identify specific needs of the COVID Care Centres at Shirwal and Talegaon with the aim of supporting upgradation of infrastructure at these centres.

Earlier in the first surge, ACG worked in 40 villages and 12 slum pockets near Shirwal, Talegaon, Dahanu, Boisar, Pithampur and Mumbai. It supported 20 rural healthcare centres with COVID care equipment, safeguarded frontline health workers, sanitation workers and police through personal protection equipment, provided hygiene kits to 15,000 families, grocery kits to 3,000 families and cooked meals to 15,000 migrants. Jointly with NGOs, the company also provided psychological support to the community, to link needy families with government's ration distribution programs, handled cases of violence against women, continued therapies to children with special needs, and supported farmers.