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**Dr. Harsh Vardhan**

Union Cabinet Minister, Health and Family Welfare;  
Science and Technology / and Earth Sciences  
Government of India

**Sub: Covid-Vaccination for the NGO Frontline workers, including Prayas**

Respected Sir,

Before I place this request, as above, on behalf of the 'NGO Frontline Co-workers'. We proudly congratulate the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi, your goodself and your team for combating and managing this global pandemic better than any other country in the world. I also wish to thank you for personally launching a path-breaking project in Jahangirpuri for thousands of ragpickers alongwith FSSAI (Food Safety & Standards Authority of India), the leading producers of Food and Beverage Sector and Prayas, for sustainable, hygienic and plastic-free living and working conditions. Soon thereafter, came the pandemic but our activities continued unabated and today we are running an excellent project for ragpickers which you may like to visit as per your convenience.


Since you were kind enough to participate in one of our important Pandemic-related programs, you are aware, personally led by Mr. Rajiv Kumar, Vice Chairman and Mr. Amitabh Kant, CEO NITI Aayog, 96000 voluntary organizations registered on the NITI Darpan Portal were activated making most commendable contributions towards our national anti-pandemic efforts throughout this period. While majority of corporates, organizations and other functionaries were in-doors operating on-line, led by NITI officials, the co-workers of the leading NGOs as members of NITI CSOs Standing Committee remained in the field working shoulder to shoulder alongwith the Central and State/UTs Government Frontline workers.

In Prayas, starting with the PM's announcement of the national lockdown on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2020, we shifted most of our co-workers to our community-based 138 centres/work places in 10 states/UTs including 40 homes and shelters, numerous helplines, primary health and quarantine centres besides our direct activities in the communities, slums-far-flung and remote areas, from Arunachal Pradesh to Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Besides those living in our Homes and Shelters, we provided direct support to nearly 25000 migrants including children & women, 3,80,000 cooked meals and dry rations for 7000 families for one month besides large number of people whom we directly served through our health programs with the government and otherwise. Thus, a total number of 650 Co-workers directly served as Frontline workers exposing themselves to this worst-ever health calamity, many becoming positive in the process, who are now are urgently required to be vaccinated.

Dear Sir, through this mail, I am requesting you to give suitable directions to the concerned authorities to provide Covid-vaccines to our co-workers and also do the same in respect of other voluntary organizations whose services are very much on the records of NITI Aayog.

It is needless to mention that the service delivery organizations in the Voluntary Sector are always prepared to join hands with you and the government to face such national disasters in every look and corner of the country.

Regards and Best wishes,



**Amod K. Kanth**

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Jt. Coordinator, NITI Aayog-CSO Standing Committee

Former DGP & Chairperson-DCPCR & DWSSC