

Permanent Mission of India
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Press Release

India supports “Zero Preventable Maternal Deaths” in Cuba

Responding to a request from Government of Cuba, the Government of India (GOI) has decided to extend a grant amount of around USD 1.2 million for the project, “***Support for the Systemic Response to Reduce maternal and neonatal Morbidity and Mortality in Cuba***”. The grant will be sourced out of the **General Window of the India-UN Development Partnership Fund, established by the Government of India** to assist countries in the Global South.

2. India fully supports the Cuban Government’s determination to the proposed project which shall expand the healthcare system in the prioritised territories and strengthen health service networks, besides implementing electronic health record system in the country. The Permanent Mission of India is pleased to partner with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in the project which aims at supporting the Cuban Government’s “***Call to Action: Zero Preventable Maternal Deaths In The Americas***”. The turnaround time is two years. The Cuban federal Ministry of Public Health (MINSAP) will lead the project.

3. **India-UN Development Partnership Fund**, established by Government of India in June 2017, provides support to projects in developing countries that aim to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The Fund attaches centrality to the principles of South-South cooperation and places priority on national ownership and leadership, equality, sustainability and development of local capacity. A sum of USD 150 million has been committed by GOI, and till date 94 projects in 64 countries have been implemented under this Fund.

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