

**Embassy of India
Djibouti

**PRESS RELEASE
Medical Aid from India to Djibouti.**

India and Djibouti share historical and friendly relations dating back to centuries. To further strengthen this partnership and friendship, the Government of India is pleased to offer gift of a Covid and other essential medicines to the friendly people and Government of Djibouti.



2. The shipment containing medicines from Government of India for Djibouti was received. The shipment of wide range of medicines consists of 428 packets weighing 5954 kgs of medicines has been stored at the Ministry of Health, Government of Djibouti. The shipment contains Chloroquine tab; Azithromycin 500 mg tab; Metronidazole 5 mg/ml injection; Cefotaxim sodium 1000 mg injection; Montelukast 10 mg tab; Lignocaine injection ip ; Dobutamine injection ip 250mg 20ml which would be very useful for treatment of malaria; heart; severe infection; pneumonia/respiratory disease; meningitis; asthma; gonorrhoea; and allergy, etc.



3. The handing-over ceremony of medicines was held on 28 April 2021, H.E. Dr. Saleh Banoita Tourab, Secretary General, Ministry of Health thanked the Ambassador and the Government of India for the valuable gift of essential medical supplies. He emphasized that the medical aid has come at a time when India is also suffering from this pandemic, and it makes this gesture even more significant. Health Minister also said that India is not only known for production capacity of pharmaceutical products but also its pharma products are of high quality.

4. Ambassador of India Mr. Ashok Kumar, while highlighting the warm, friendly and strong relations, said that the collaboration between India and Djibouti is multi-dimensional. Emphasizing the bonds of affinity between the peoples of India and Djibouti, he expressed the solidarity and support of the people and Government of India to the friendly people and Government of Djibouti at this most challenging time. The Ambassador mentioned that India is the largest producer and supplier of generic drugs; supplies over 50% of global demand for various vaccines; supplies over 80% of the antiretroviral drugs used globally to combat AIDS. During the Covid pandemic, India also offered life saving Covid--19 vaccines of Covaxin and Covidshield (Oxford-

AstraZeneca) to a large number of countries. He also highlighted India's global position as pharmacy of the world offering quality medicines; healthcare equipment; and services at very affordable rates. He said there is good scope for cooperation between India and Djibouti in pharmaceutical and health sector.



5. The gift of Medicine is a testimony of India's commitment to strengthening bilateral relations between India and Djibouti. This comes close after the gift of 50 tons of food grains by India to the friendly people and Government of Djibouti on 11th November 2020. India has been committed to the socio-economic development of Djibouti through ITEC, ICCR and other training programmes of Government of India. This is also in line with India's time tested principle of Vasudev Kutumbkam – World is one family –and also guided by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's announcement during his visit to Uganda in 2018 that 'Africa will be at the top of our priorities and we will continue to intensify and deepen our engagement with Africa'.

Place: Djibouti

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