

# Charities Providing Direct Relief for the Coronavirus Outbreak

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As the death toll and new cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) continue to grow, governments and the global scientific community are working collectively to mobilize efforts to contain its spread. So far, the virus, which was declared an epidemic and international public health emergency by the World Health Organization, has infected more than 28,000 individuals and claimed the lives of 565 people, according to a February 6 update provided by Johns Hopkins University.

Named for their crown-like spikes, coronaviruses are a class of viruses that circulate primarily among animals but sometimes cause illness in people, according to the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>. Transmission generally occurs through respiratory droplets. While most coronaviruses cause only mild symptoms, three of the viruses—the new 2019-nCoV, MERS and SARS—can cause severe illness.

Donors who are eager to help can contribute to current relief efforts, as well as to vaccine research and development that aims to stop the new coronavirus and prepare for future epidemics. The following is a list of three nonprofits providing direct aid in Wuhan, China and one organization working to develop a vaccine for the 2019-nCoV and other emerging infectious diseases. We will continue to explore new organizations as more NGOs begin providing direct assistance and we will update this list accordingly. For additional questions or information, please contact philanthropicservices@nptrust.org.

#### Give2Asia (EIN 94-3373670)

"In support of the Coronavirus Fund"

Give2Asia has partnered with leading Chinese public health organizations such as the Chinese Red Cross Foundation (CRCF) and Hubei Red Cross Foundation (HRCF), two highly respected non-governmental organizations. These organizations are supporting frontline health workers and institutions responding to the crisis.

#### **Project Hope** (EIN 53-0242962)

"In support of Coronavirus Relief"

Project Hope has a long history in Wuhan, China and founded the Hope School of Nursing there in 2001, in partnership with Wuhan University. The Project Hope team on the ground in Wuhan is working to coordinate needs with local officials to support doctors and nurses as they treat rising numbers of patients. Project Hope has mobilized multiple airlifts of protective equipment, including face masks, protective suits, goggles and gloves.

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**Direct Relief (EIN 95-1831116)** 

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Direct Relief is coordinating with public health workers in China and in the U.S. to assess needs and provide personal protective equipment to health workers in the affected region. To date, Direct Relief has provided surgical masks, N95 respirator masks, gloves, gowns and other items requested by hospitals and health centers.

### **Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI)**

Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) works to stimulate and accelerate the development of vaccines against emerging infectious diseases and enable access to these vaccines for people during outbreaks. Its latest funding call aims to develop a proven vaccine against the 2019-nCoV. Although CEPI is based in Norway, NPT has obtained an Equivalency Determination certification in order to be able to facilitate grants to CEPI in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak, at no additional cost to donors. This organization may be of particular interest to donors who wish to support long-term efforts around global epidemic preparedness.

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