

Indians in Liberia donate \$200,000 towards Ebola relief

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Singapore: Nearly 2000 Indians residing in Liberia have congregated to help African health ministry fight the deadly Ebola outbreak, that has claimed 1552 lives so far. Liberian President has acknowledged the efforts of Indians in spreading awareness about Ebola in the interiors of West Africa.

With the help of their honorary consultant general Mr Upjit Singh Sachdeva, the Indians in Liberia have donated two ambulances and other valuable items worth around \$200,000 to the national anti-Ebola campaign.

Liberian president Ms Ellen Johnson Sirleaf who received the donation, thanked and praised Indians for standing by Liberia in its difficult times. Mr Sachdeva commended Ms Sirleaf for her extraordinary leadership and effective response for the outbreak.

He stated, "The response by the international community so far to combat the disease is very encouraging." He further added that the outbreak has hampered intra-sub regional trade on which Liberia was largely depended for essential food items.

At the event, Mr Sachdeva added that as a part of the Liberian society, the Association of Indian Community in Liberia, sees it as an important stakeholder with a bounden duty and responsibility to contribute to the fight to eliminate the disease.

He assured that though the outbreak had severe effect on the economy, the Indian community have advised all their members not to exploit this situation by unnecessarily hiking prices.