We encourage you to read about our internal process of shortlisting funding requests, our assessment criteria and our disclaimer.

Our process is evolving with changing needs on the ground. We add to our selection criteria based on these changing needs.

Our Process

Our team screens funding requests coming in from several sources, including but not limited to: volunteers of India COVID SOS coalition, direct communication channels and open source lists available online. Our decision to shortlist these requests are based on the following inclusion and exclusion criteria.

Inclusion Criteria:

1) **Medical relief, food insecurity, and other social needs**— funding requests related to urgent health systems and care needs such as oxygen shortages, childcare, PPE, COVID helplines, food relief for marginalized populations and healthcare workers, cash transfers, etc.

2) **Geographic focus**— urban and rural geographies across India with a priority on areas highly impacted by the current surge of COVID-19.

3) **Foreign funding**— valid FCRA registration.
4) **Significant monetary needs**— organization capable of absorbing and mobilizing funds swiftly to implement programs.

**Exclusion Criteria:**

1) **Individual campaigns for funding requests**— we **DO NOT** include individual needs or individually created crowdfunding initiatives.

2) **Faith-based organizations**— we **DO NOT** include funding projects/organizations that have any explicit religious affiliations.

3) **Partisan affiliations**— we **DO NOT** include any funding requests from organizations that are directly associated with political group/s.

4) **Insufficient evidence**— we **DO NOT** include organizations that lack clarity on financial documentation, estimate of required funds, project outline/description and prior demonstrated work. Poor ratings (if any) by non-profit evaluators like Charity Navigator/Guidestar also counts towards exclusion.

Once the funding team identifies organizations/programs that meet our inclusion and exclusion criteria, IndiaCOVIDSOS team leads discuss potential shortlisted organizations during an internal voting/consensus process to confirm requests that are to be highlighted on our website.

We also engage donors offering USD $50K and higher, and other large contributions, to better understand their needs and provide guidance accordingly.