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Dr. Kunal Saha
President
People for Better Treatment
6725 Longshore Street
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Dear Dr. Saha,

Appeal on COVID-19 Test Kits in India

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 2020, addressed to our President Mr. David Malpass, raising some concerns regarding COVID-19 test kits in India. We have reviewed your letter carefully and can confirm that the procurement in question did not involve any World Bank financing. We are, therefore, forwarding your letter to the Indian Council for Medical Research (ICMR). You may wish to contact them directly, if you have not already.

I take this opportunity to reiterate that the World Bank pays detailed attention to project implementation and governance and is working closely with the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and its agencies, including the ICMR to support implementation of the COVID-19 emergency response project.

Yours sincerely,

Junaid Kamal Ahmad
Country Director, India

cc:

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