



## India Extends Aid to Zambia Amid Cholera Outbreak

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India has stepped in to provide **medical and material assistance to Zambia**, grappling with a [cholera outbreak](#).

- India dispatched water purification supplies, chlorine tablets, and oral rehydration solution (ORS) sachets to Zambia.
- Cholera is an **acute diarrhoeal infection** caused by ingestion of food or water contaminated with the **bacterium *Vibrio cholerae***.
  - It remains a global threat to public health and an indicator of inequity and lack of social development.
  - Researchers have estimated that each year there are 1.3 to 4.0 million cases of cholera and 21,000 to 143,000 deaths worldwide due to cholera.
- Most of those infected **have no or mild symptoms** and can be successfully treated with ORS.
  - Currently there are three [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) pre-qualified oral cholera vaccines (OCV): Dukoral, Shanchol, and Euvichol. All three vaccines require two doses for full protection.



**Read more:** [Cholera](#), [India's Vaccine Diplomacy](#)

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