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Dear Ms. Rawat,

On behalf of our patients and staff, thank you and everyone with The Prem Rawat Foundation for your generous support of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) COVID-19 response in Brazil.

The goal of MSF programs in Brazil is to reduce morbidity and mortality related to COVID-19 by helping the Brazilian Ministry of Health (MoH) meet the health needs of vulnerable populations, especially those without other access to medical care. At the same time, MSF seeks to work with the MoH to build its capacity (infrastructure and human resources) to respond to Brazil's enormous COVID-19 epidemic.

MSF programs are operating amidst a severe humanitarian emergency in Brazil where COVID-19 is spreading out of control and the public health system is overwhelmed in some locations. Hundreds of MSF staff have been involved in treating patients with COVID-19 in Brazil—many of them Brazilians with international experience suddenly responding to a crisis in their own country. Current key programs by location include:

Rondônia State: MSF teams are working at five Emergency Care Units (known as UPA in Portuguese) for intermediate care of COVID-19 patients in Porto Velho, the capital of the northern state of Rondônia and recently launched a project in Ji-Paraná, the second largest city in Rondônia, with a population of 130,000.

Roraima State: MSF runs an ongoing project in Boa Vista, the capital of Roraima State, and has integrated a separate COVID-19 project into its regular programming.

Amazonas State: Currently, MSF is providing mental health care for health workers in Amazonas and preparing for another wave of COVID-19. Other COVID-19 activities have closed for the time being.

Ceará State: MSF is conducting an exploratory mission to determine whether to launch a COVID-19 program in this northeastern state that is being hit hard by the pandemic.

We are very grateful to The Prem Rawat Foundation's support of these critical programs in Brazil.

Sincerely,

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