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Nearly 2,000 Indians residing in Liberia have congregated to help the African health ministry fight the Ebola outbreak, that has claimed 1,552 lives so far. The 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, 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 to the outbreak.

He stated, "The response by the international community to combat the disease is very encouraging." He further added that the outbreak has hampered intra-sub regional trade on which Liberia has largely been dependent upon 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 itself as an important stakeholder and is honor-bound to contribute to the fight to eliminate the disease.

He said that though the outbreak has had a severe effect on the economy, the Indian community has advised all its members not to exploit this situation by unnecessarily hiking prices.