

## Blended Finance conducted a summit on Supporting India's COVID-19 recovery and long-term health systems strengthening

A glimpse into how the brave hearted eminents who have played significant roles in the Indian health crisis issues throughout the first and second waves of Covid-19



Haryana, Gurgaon, Oct 26, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - Rahul Mehra, CEO of AWL India recently participated in the panel discussion of experts that Blended Finance had conducted with the major

target audience being healthcare financing professionals, investors, and investees. The other panelists included Ajay Rao- Regional Managing Director South Asia, Development Finance Corporation, Aparna Dua- Director, Asha Impact, Avishek Gupta- Investment Director, and Head Caspian. The goal of the session was to increase blended finance expertise within the [health ecosystem](#) by discussing the benefits and potential for new financing solutions. The panel had discussed the lessons learned from the successful case study and suggest ways on how to close financing gaps so that public health impacts can be optimized.

[AWL India](#) envisioned a "***move with us to make a difference***" before the pandemic convulsions gripped the globe under its arc, says Rahul Mehra (CEO of AWL India), a panelist at the Blended Finance – Supporting India's COVID-19 recovery and long-term health systems strengthening. In the summit conducted by Blending Finance, there were four inevitable. However, after being approached by the Ministry of Health Governance in India, AWL has been able to make a significant effect amidst the deadlock situation.

During the initial lockdown, on March 22nd, 2020, the supply chain program became complex, making it difficult to reach out to 2.5 million health personnel. As a result, the government set out to provide health staff and supplies for the country, further divided into numerous states and districts. In just four days, AWL India managed to gather the resources and put together a comprehensive plan. Starting with IT integration and bringing suppliers on board (in charge of the PPE kits), the capital was a tough nut to crack at the time.

The second wave of Covid-19 was uncontrollable and atrocious, involving life-saving vaccines and precious medications, ventilators, and oxygen concentrators, all at an alarming rate. It was difficult to put together [cold chain](#) infrastructure on such short notice, but AWL India proved up to the task. Now, the team is getting ready to work on the pediatric (ICUs and wards) spectrums to cover 25 million children in the [vaccine](#) and health support ambit, as the Indian government anticipates the third wave of Covid-19.

**Rahul Mehra** lastly concluded by saying, "AWL India has not looked back since the first wave, and is thus, looking forward to using the drone application process to ensure that emergency [pharmaceuticals](#) and other health essentials reach remote sections of the country in a timely manner."

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