To whomsoever it may concern,

The train accident in Amritsar took lives of 61 people and left 72 severely injured as per news sources. The accident shook the entire nation and has left the families of those affected, in devastation.
We, at Medical Students Association of India, stand by our duty to help the affected and re-build their lives in every possible way.

We urge you (our members and viewers) to use the helpline numbers- 0183 2223171, 0183 2564485 to help those affected by donating blood at The Civil Hospital and Guru Nanak Hospital, Amritsar.

As an organisation of medical students standing for human security and safety, we call for:

Support by state and national governments for the introduction, financing, management, co-ordination, implementation and monitoring of a comprehensive and consistent training program of health professionals for immediate response to accidents and disasters

Compulsory training of medical students in disaster prevention and management

The local authorities to monitor continuously the hazard and vulnerability threats in the area

Deploying medical teams at sights of mass gatherings, especially during festivals and/or commemorative occasions.

To review and periodically rehearse national, state and local preparedness and contingency plans for major hazards

We stand for human security and hope that accidents are avoided by better preparedness of the local authorities, local, state and national government.

In accordance to human rights principles, humanitarian assistance and health care should be offered to victims of disasters without discrimination and irrespective of political ideology, religion, sex, gender identity, ethnicity, nationality, sexual orientation and other factors.

Financial aid for treatment of those who sustained injuries and/or are affected by the accident in any way.

Most importantly, we call for quality and time bound rehabilitation of those affected by the accident (including but not limited to mental and physical health)

Best Regards,

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