COVID-19: China announces additional USD 30 million grants for WHO

China announced an additional USD 30 million grant to the World Health Organization, days after Beijing expressed serious concern over US President Donald Trump’s decision to freeze the funding for the global health agency over its handling of the COVID-19 crisis.

The grant will be in addition to the USD 20 million provided by China earlier to the WHO. He said, China will always support the Geneva-based WHO in playing an important role in international public health and global anti-epidemic response.

Both China and the WHO faced serious criticism over lack of transparency especially about the discovery of the Coronavirus in December last year and its silent spread in Wuhan until Beijing imposed lockdown in the city on 23rd of January. However, China had denied the allegations of any cover-up, saying it was the first country to report the COVID-19 to the WHO.