

EKAM – ONENESS- Annual Report 2008-2009
COMMUNITY PEDIATRIC HEALTH PROJECT
A Public-Private Partnership model

Sofia, 2 month old female child, admitted in GH, diagnosed to have acute CNS infection with recurrent seizures needed Ventilatory support and as all the ventilators were already in use the child needed life saving ventilatory support. This was identified by Ekam staff and immediately shifted to a hospital where the facility is available, admitted for nearly 23 days , got discharged and doing fine

Pandia Lakshmi aged 9 yrs with Tetralogy of Fallots & Joseph aged 16 yrs with single ventricle physiology with severe pulmonary stenosis needing intra cardiac repair to be done. Thanks to the Govt support for the cardiac surgeries, the children got admitted in the pvt. Hospitals for the surgeries but the parents were so poor that they could not afford to get the investigations done. The major support came from the Govt and Ekam could get in the support for the investigations.

Angel, a female preterm newborn baby was abandoned in a hospital, was referred to Ekam for further support. Baby was admitted in intensive care unit, received surfactant and was discharged after 2 months. Baby got adopted through adoption agency recognized & registered by the government and is now 2 years old doing fine with loving parents.

Shalini, 1yr3month old child, having spinal lipomeningocele with tethered cord, unable to walk properly due to paraparesis, and left by parents unattended due to lack of awareness & financial support, was identified by our SHG staff from the community .The child got operated and doing fine.

Be it Sophia, Angel or Shalini whose responsibility is it to save their lives or improve the quality of life? Is it the fault of the parents to be poor? Is it the responsibility of only the Govt?

And what about all the rest of us who are in the private side. Aren't we part of the society. & responsible for these children.

I think it is our collective responsibility to take care of these children whether or not we are connected with them and it doesn't take statistical gymnastic or clairvoyance to understand the problem we face in our country. Keen ears, sharp eyes, non-judgmental mind, compassionate heart and willingness to get out of our house is all it takes to be a part of the solution.

Ekam is a community Pediatric Health Project of Mafoi foundation working at present in Chennai, Virudhunagar & Madurai.

Ekam aims to bring comprehensive health care to the underprivileged children in Chennai primarily and extend to other children in Tamilnadu.

Ekam was formally inaugurated on Doctor's day July 1st 2007 as a Community Pediatric Project by Pediatricians & Pediatric Specialists in Chennai who were willing to give their voluntary services to provide holistic health care to the poor and needy children.

This programme is supported by Pediatricians, Nutritionists, Social Workers and Yoga Instructors all over Chennai, who work with communities to ensure that the children have increased access to health care services.

On 14 th Nov, 2008, the Honorable Minister for Health & Family Welfare of Govt. of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the Public Private Partnership in ICH.

Ekam was made into a Public- Private Partnership model with the vision of Right to health for Every Child and with the mission is to provide every child, regardless of his/her financial means, a high quality, comprehensive, continuous health care ,delivered in a respectful, caring and family centred environment – a Happy & Healthy Home .

Ultimately no child should be refused of health care because of financial constraints, no parent should feel guilty of not able to give adequate health care & no doctor or hospital should feel guilty of refusing patients because of financial constraints.

Ekam's aim is to complement the Government and not to replace it.

EKAM model of Health services

Health Screening - 4 channel Approach

- Schools
- ICDS centers
- Orphanages
- Community/Slums

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL

Integration of Ekam community pediatric project with the

- Govt. School Health Project run by Govt. Hospitals & Corporation Dispensaries for 6-17 yr old children and
- Govt. ICDS project run at Anganwadi Centres for 0-5yr old children

Secondary & Tertiary Care

1. Camp referrals.
2. Children admitted in Government Hospitals through Public-Private Partnership.
3. Direct Referrals-
SHG staff
Corporation schools

Hospitals
Other districts

Other services:

1. Child Guidance Clinic run at Mehta Children's Hospital by Dr. Anuradha & team in Chennai and by Dr. Santhosh & Ms. Rita James of Affordable Hearing Aid Centre in Madurai offers counseling, therapeutic interventions & rehabilitation to differently abled children. Major referrals were children with Cerebral palsy, Hearing impairment, Speech & language delay and few of them had autistic spectrum, learning disorders & mental retardation.

Our Major Partners in Chennai

- ICDS project
- Chennai Corporation,
- Government hospitals - Institute of Child Health, Egmore, Govt. Royapettah Hospital, Kasthuribai Gandhi hospital, Kilpauk Medical college & Hospital,
- Private Hospitals & Doctors of
 - Kanchi KamaKoti Childs Trust Hospital for Pediatric Screening, secondary & tertiary care.
 - Pammal, Sankara Eye hospital for screening of visual defects.
- *Other Hospitals*- MNEye hospital, Ezhil hospital, Lifeline, SRM, St. Isabel, Appasamy, Balaji, Chettinad, Soorya, Vijaya, MERF, KKRENT

NGO partner- Child Help Line -1098-1098 can be used as a toll free number so that Ekam can take care of the all the children referred to 1098. Ekam will also take care of the health referrals coming to 1098.

Satyananda Yoga Centre- Mr. JayaGopal for conducting Yoga training for ICDS staff, orphanages & Corporation schools.

Doctors-Dr. Sarala Rajajee, Dr. Ezhil, Dr. Ranjit, Dr. Nandini, Dr. Anuradha & team, Dr. V. Viswanath, Dr. Sreedharan, Dr. JK Reddy and the entire team of KKCTH doctors, Dr. Radha Rajagopal, Dr. Prashanth, Dr. NKKapadia, Dr. Murthy, Dr. Nevil, Dr. Revathy Raj for taking care of our referrals.

Our Major Partners in Madurai & Virudhunagar

- ICDS project
- DDHS, Government & Panchayat schools
- Govt. Rajajee Hospital, Madurai
- Private Hospitals like
 1. Meenakshi Mission Hospital
 2. Vadamalayan Hospitals
 3. AHAP- Affordable Hearing Aid Centre
 4. Aravind Eye hospital
 5. Grace Kennet Foundation Hospital

ICH Project: Chennai & Madurai

- Obtained Govt approval to enable Public-Private partnership
- To develop ICH as an example of proof that the right treatment can go a long way in improving survival success rates.
- Help in Co-ordination with
 - Private hospitals (for Investigations, Treatment, Training of Nurses) NGOs (Social workers, Drug Bank, Play therapy, Volunteers)
 - Corporates (Funding, Ownership of whole or part)

Training in Chennai:

Ekam training on pediatric Health Care for the caretakers NGOs, ANMs of ICDS project & SHG staff of Sornammal Educational Trust. 40 trainees have attended the training programme from 31st Jan to 24th April. Ekam would like to take it up as an ongoing project with the ANMs of ICDS project & Balamandir Trust

Training in Madurai & Virudhunagar for Anganwadi workers & School teachers.

First session started on 10th July and 97 trainees participated.

- 1 Early identifying hearing defects by AHAP
- 2 Early identifying developmental delays, Autism, Attention deficit Hyper activity disorders, Learning disorders by Dr.Santhosh & Team
- 3 Screening for visual defects by Aravind Eye Hospital

Quantitative Results of Our Programs So Far:

Overall statistics from Feb2007- June 2009

- 1 Overall 42,132 children were screened.
 - 59 schools and 19,111 school children have been screened till now.
 - 184 ICDS centres & 13,877 ICDS children have been screened till now.
 - 71 orphanages & 4791 children were screened
 - 88 Community centres & 4353 children were screened
 - 149 children got secondary & tertiary care.
 - Mortality- 30 (inclusive of PICU, ICH)
 - Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Institute of Child Health- Support of rented ventilators
Out of 42 children supported,
 - 15 children were discharged well.
 - 22 died and
 - 5 are still in PICU with ventilatory support.

Eye screening-Sankara Eye hospital Pammal

- Total No. of schools screened (Corporation & Govt. high & higher secondary schools in Chennai) - 209
- Total students covered in 6 months - 1,00,010
- Teacher volunteers trained-294
- 6062 students were found needing spectacles and have been given at free of cost.

Plans this year:

Schools: This year Ekam will do only follow up of referrals of all the corporation schools screened by the corporation Medical officers.

- Health Club will be formed with the students of 6th to 9th classes
- IEC on Child health care, Adolescent health care, Nutrition & Sanitation through AID India.
- Yoga for children through Satyananda Yoga Educational Trust.
- ID books will be issued to every child & follow-up will be done by the health staff through health club.
- Nutritional intervention, Deworming & Iron supplementation will be implemented to all the corporation schools
- Ekam will take care of secondary & tertiary care.

ICDS centres & Orphanages

- Ekam will continue screening & provide medicines.
- Ekam will evaluate & monitor the ANMs on the training given to them on parenting, learn to play calendar, various aspects of pediatric health care.
- Follow up of Yoga in ICDS centres and sending yoga teachers newly to orphanages will be done by Satyananda Yoga Educational Trust.

ICH project

- Continue to bring in more infrastructure
- Nursing care.

Following is the data of the medical camps held in Chennai in 2007 -09

	No of Camps	No of children screened	No of children Treated as In patients
Feb 2007- Mar 08			
ICDS	Nil	Nil	Nil
Orphanages	48	3500	65
Schools	11	3954	0
Community	33	2394	1
Total	92	9848	66
Mortality			6

Apr 2008- Mar 09			
No of Camps	No of children screened	No of children Referred	No of children Treated as In patient
ICDS-135	10699	462	6
Orphanages-17	996	50	5
Schools-47	15040	1955	2
Community-30	1481	254	9
Total-229	28216	2721	22
Mortality			2

Apr 2009 - Jun 09	No of Camps	No of children screened	Total Number of Camp Referrals: OP + IP	Treated as OP	Treated as IP
ICDS	49	3178	163	102	4
Orphanages	6	295	7	0	0
Schools	1	117	23	20	0
Community	25	478	11	10	1
Total	81	4068	204	132	5
Mortality					0

Apr 2009 - Jun 09- Overall Treated IP	No of Children
Camps	5
ICH	30
Direct (SHG + Schls + Hosp + Other dst. referrals)	14
Total	49
Mortality	15

Following is the data of the direct referrals of Madurai & Virudhunagar from March- June 2009

Vdngr & Mdr Referrals	Mar - May	June	Total
Virudhunagar	32	2	34
Aruppukotai	8	3	11
Sattur	19	2	21
Sivakasi	15	4	19
Thirumangalam	7	15	22
Thirunagar	7	2	9
Total	88	24	112
Chennai referrals	3		3

	OP- MMHRC	OP- AHAP	OP- MMHRC +AHAP	IP- MMHRC	IP- Chennai	In patients (Madurai + Chennai)
April	13	6	19	10	1	11
May	20	5	25	8	2	10
June		12	12		1	1
Total			56			22

Financial Details from April- June 2009

Total donations to CIOSA & Mafoi foundation-Rs.11,45,300/-

- Chennai- Rs.11,28,300/-
- Vdngr-Rs.17,000/-
- Total donations to ICH- Rs.2924400/-
 - Direct to ICH Chennai- Rs.18,61,000/-
- Total donations for medicines directly to ICDS - Rs.3,80,000 /-
- Total Payments –Rs.14,83,194/-
 - Chennai –Rs.11,59,034/-
 - Vdngr –Rs.3,24,160/-

The Mafoi foundation took care of the entire expenditure for secondary & tertiary care for the children of Virudhunagar which comes to Rs.5.6 lakhs till now including July.

The Mafoi foundation is taking care of the entire admin cost and salaries of Staff.

Future Plans:

Ekam floating off as separate organization and is in the process of forming the board members & registration.

Submitted the proposal to AIF - American Indian foundation, Sewa International & NRHM-National Rural Health Mission. and waiting for their approval.

Submitted a proposal to EMRI - EMRI to take care of emergency transport of Ekam's target children to the nearby networked Private or Government hospital at free of cost.

Expansion

In the expansion programme, Ekam is planning to work in Kanchipuram, Thiruvallur & Dharmapuri districts by Networking with the NGOs like Sevabharathi, Hand In Hand, Aid India , Give Life & Tribal Health Initiative.

Sankara Eye Hospital, Pammal will take care of Eye screening & arranging spectacles in Kanchipuram & Thiruvallur districts and Aravind Eye Hospital will take care of Eye screening & arranging spectacles in Madurai & Virudhunagar.

There are many ways you can be part of us & be a part of big vision of EKAM- Right to health for every child

- Supporting 1000 children health care :Rs.10,000 per month
 - Supporting health camp:Rs.5000 per camp
 - Supporting intensive care per child: Rs.20,000 per child.
- Supporting Ventilatory support by renting ventilators: Rs.5000/- per child
Cheque can be given in the name of The Mafoi Foundation.
Donations are exempted under 80 G.

Sincere Thanks

Thanks to the GOVERNMENT PERMISSIONS

We would like to thank the Health Secretary , Mr.Subburaj,the Commissioner, ICDS Project, Mr.RamaMurthy & the deputy Comissioner, Health of Chennai Corporation for giving us the permission to work as a part of Public- private Partnership.

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We would like to thank Sewa International & Doctors in US for donating Rs.2.4 lakhs to support 3 children for cardiac surgeries.

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We would like to thank Mr.Viswanathan , Secretary, Sankara Eye hospital, Pammal and his team & entire Aravind Eye Hospital team for their unconditional support to this project.

We would like to thank child help line – 1098 for letting us use 1098 as a toll free number for the child health referrals.

We would like to thank Organizations & individuals unconditionally supported the ICH Project - Chennai

- Government (Permission for PPP, Infrastructure Funding, Drugs)
- Dr.Sharda Suresh, Director of ICH for being very open , supporting & guiding the project.
- Dr.Revathy Raj & Dr.Radha Raja Gopal from Apollo Hospital (Advisory role, Nurse training, investigations)
- Dr.Balasubramanyam of VHS Hospital Blood Bank (Blood products)
- Dr.Vijayabharathi Rangarajan & the entire CANSTOP team (Public Awareness, Counselling, Play therapy, Drugs/Needles)
- We thank all our donors who have supported approximately 30 lakhs worth donations for ICH equipment
- NGOs like Rotary Club of madras East Contributing 3 lakhs for ACs & UV filters , Udavum Ullangal for supporting Rs.98,000/- for the ACs, Help to live organization employed a person for ICH who will be available in the hospital, be the contact person for Ekam, identifying the needs & immediately informing the project coordinator of Ekam, Goonj is going to regularly supply disposable diapers to the newborns, bed spreads and soft toys to the children admitted in ICH
- Corporates like Cognizant supported 16 lakhs worth life saving equipment , ,LnT infotech supported 1.65 lakhs for cots & ACs,& Mahindra Club Resorts sponsored for like Life saving equipment, Defibrillator. Costing Rs.1.5 lakhs.

- Philanthropic individuals Mr.MuthuKrishnan, CEO of Athena Health pvt. Ltd supported 1 lakh for renting ventilators, Mr.SreeRam & Sujatha of IIT for supporting Rs.86400 for 10 cots , Prof.Dr.Lakshmi, Principal of Meenakshi college donated Rs.5.4 lakhs for 100 cots & 9 syringe pumps, Mrs.Meera Meenon , Trustee, ANEW.supported for syringe pumps
- SET SHG staff for starting canteen in ICH. and providing lunch packets at very subsidised cost to the attenders of the children admitted in the hospital.
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Maybe our vision is too ambitious but.....

there are infinite imaginative possibilities when we allow the freedom to go beyond our perceived limits. If we can dream it, we can build it. Life, through unconditional love, is a wondrous adventure that excites the very core of our being and lights our path with delight.

The start of something new brings the hope of something great,
Anything is possible!