

***Ekam Foundation
Right to Health for every child
Annual Report 2011-2012***

Ekam foundation mobilizes a world of generous hearts with the aim of providing every child with the right to healthcare.

We are a not for profit organisation that works towards providing every child in Tamil Nadu, regardless of his/her financial means, with high quality, comprehensive, and continuous health care delivered in a respectful and caring environment. Since our inception in 2007, we have strived to ensure that every child that is referred to us is provided with the best possible care and that no child is denied the right to quality healthcare.

As Ekam volunteers and staff have identified and treated hundreds of children who have been referred to us from all over Tamil Nadu, we also have become acutely aware of the myriad of health problems that children and mothers face in India. While Ekam maintains its focus on saving the lives of children, we also realize that we can, and must do more to ensure that every child has a chance for a safe and healthy life. As Ekam foundation grows, one of the key pillars for expansion will be to engage more broadly in maternal, newborn, child and community health initiatives.

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FOUNDER MESSAGE

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.

Harold W. Becker in
Unconditional Love - An Unlimited Way of Being

I would like to go through our wondrous adventure!

As we reflect on the last one year, we are only humbled by the truth that what we have done in the field of public healthcare seems so trivial when we take into account the actual situation of infant and maternal health. We have supported close to 2549 children and managed to source drugs and medicines for 1934 children. Medical equipments close to Rs 32 lakhs have been donated to the government hospitals. Our code of belief is to support the government health system. This faith in the government public health system has increased exponentially in the last year, thanks to the fantastic vision of the Department of Health, Ministry of Health and the NRHM, Special thanks to our Health Secretary Mrs. Girija Vaidyanathan for her passion to bring down maternal and neonatal mortality rates, her dynamism and openness to new ideas our mission Director, Mr.P.K.Bansal who is equally passionate, quick in decision making and a wonderful administrator and of course Dr.Srinivasan , Coordinator of IMNCI a dynamic, optimistic person with full of ideas and has always been always been there for us at the time of need. We are really lucky to have such wonderful persons and because of whose support we have managed to facilitate some really interesting and fantastic health systems in place.

Teams from Kerala and Karnataka are coming to our State to learn about our SNCUs and this is exciting, to say the least!!

In the last year, our reach has expanded to all 32 districts in Tamil Nadu. This growth has created even greater opportunities to increase awareness, train more medical volunteers, improve the quality and delivery of care, develop sustainable local programs, and most importantly, save the lives of hundreds of children.

Yes, we are happy that Ekam foundation has played a role in helping some needy children with the health facilities that they truly deserve. But what moves us is the reality that so many fantastic people share our vision of an equitable world of healthcare and are willing to put money behind it, even in the toughest of times.

Whilst it has been a tough journey for Ekam this past year, we realize that for every challenge encountered, was a great opportunity to reach out and we have miraculously received help in abundance - be it in the nature of governments support, our wonderful donors, our dedicated friends within the medical fraternity, not to forget our volunteers and friends and proved our philosophy of nature always responds to pure intention of need in abundance!! I would like to thank each one of them on behalf of the Ekam family and all those children whose lives have been saved due to these wonderful people. Thank you all for your support, energy and boundless enthusiasm in helping us. Every time we see a child recovering and his/her parents' tears, we know that we are witnessing a miraculous moment. We know that these moments could definitely not have happened without you.

While they were some exciting developments within the health arena in Tamil Nadu last year, there were also a few setbacks. In this report, I wish to talk about the milestones crossed and issues that Ekam faced, the challenges and prospects that lie ahead of us, and most importantly, the interventions and solutions that excite us the most.

Every child has the freedom to live!! Let us all love them unconditionally and support them to experience the freedom of life!!

Many people have traveled this world with different dreams, purposes and aspirations. Many are masters, teachers, inventors and followers. They were all sent by the creator of the universe to achieve one just course; "global peace and unification." But this course cannot be achieved without unconditional love, which possesses the magical powers of the Divine for transformation. When the human race embraces love unconditional, then the lost will be found, the naked will be clothed, the hungry will be fed, the bombs will be destroyed and there will be peace and unity which will make us all to speak one language, "LOVE". Let love abide.

- Philip D. Brown, Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria

Love,

Dr Sailakshmi Balijepalli

Our Year in a Glance

Highlights 2011- 2012	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Facilitated equipments to the tune of Rs 31 lakhs to various government hospitals in TN.</i> - <i>Received permission from the NRHM to facilitate services of 240 Nurses in the first phase and 104 nurses in the second phase a total of 344 nurses in 17 Medical College Hospitals and 27 District Head Quarters Hospitals to all 44 Sick Newborn care units (SCNU) in TN. Salaries funded by NRHM.</i> - <i>In Feb 2012, Ekam received approval from the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) approval to provide preventive maintenance support for all the equipments in all the 44 Sick Newborn care units (SCNU) established in the State by NRHM in partnership with State IMNCI as part of a Public Private Partnership initiative. Funded by NRHM. Signed MOU with State IMNCI in August 2012.</i> - <i>Setting up of the Ekam Helpline – a PPP initiative to attend all distress calls from SNCUs across TN. Helpdesk space has been provided by TNHSP</i> 	

Key Indicators 2011- 2012	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Total ICDS Camps -</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Children Screened</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Total Referrals</i> 2. <i>Total IP Referrals (Pvt)</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Treated & Survived</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Mortality in IP</i> 3. <i>Ventilator/Equipment</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Ventilator discharged</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Ventilator mortality</i> 4. <i>Drug Support</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Lab Support</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>IVIG Support</i> 5. <i>Health Clubs formed</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>No of members in the Health Clubs</i> 6. <i>No of Children given FST</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>No of FST Tablets given</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>No of schools trained on First Aid</i> 7. <i>School children trained on First Aid & Disaster management</i> <li style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>Staff Trained on First Aid</i> 	<p>61 2616 216</p> <p>76 64 12</p> <p>266 183 83</p> <p>1929 213 6</p> <p>61 400</p> <p>34615 242886 72</p> <p>6562 16</p>

Support Details	
<i>Ekam payments</i>	11474354
<i>Direct payments to vendors/hospitals</i>	1790218
<i>Equipment support</i>	3113040
<i>Direct Staff Salary support</i>	225500
Total Payments	16603112
Outstanding	5663311

A) Ekam Programmes

1) Medical Support

Ekam's medical support work is the most resource- intensive portion of the organization. We fulfil this service area through various capacities including

Referral of sick children to our network of private hospitals and reimbursing the given subsidies.

- Providing secondary and tertiary care for children admitted in private hospitals.
- Providing medical equipment, lab support and medications for children admitted in government hospitals.
- Providing training and staffing to complement the government hospital system.
- Improving the condition of government hospitals through renovation and revitalization efforts.

1.1 Drugs and Hospitalisation Support

Ekam's core value is to support the government health system. We have continued to work within the ICH and other hospital. In 2011-2012, around 2616 children were provided treatment through our efforts. Through our trusted network of drug suppliers, we managed to source drugs and medicines for 1929 children. Ekam also handled the lab test costs for 213 children , IVIG Support for 6 children. Close to 266 children benefitted from the equipments provided by us.

The total number of inpatients that we supported in private hospitals was 76. Out of them, 64 have recovered completely .Unfortunately, 12 children could not be saved due to various reasons. This is a wakeup call for us and we are now striving to connect more with various funding and healthcare organisations and hope to complement the government public health system more through our stream of contacts and volunteers.

<i>Total Children treated as Inpatients in private hospitals from April 2011 to March 2012</i>	
<i>Treated</i>	<i>76</i>
<i>Discharged</i>	<i>64</i>
<i>Death</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Total New born babies treated (0 to 1 yr)</i>	<i>49</i>
<i>Treated (above1 yr)</i>	<i>27</i>

1.2 Manpower Support:

Ekam has received permission from the government to appoint 344 Nurses in 37 Medical College Hospitals and District Head Quarters Hospitals in the entire State and Monitoring all the 41 Sick Newborn care units (SCNU) established in the State for reducing the Neonatal Mortality Rate as a part of Public Private Partnership initiative.

In the past year, we have also signed an MOU with Jivdaya foundation, a US based organization to provide manpower support (one chemo nurse, one social worker and one data entry operator) to the Pediatric Hemato-Oncology department and (one social worker and one chemo nurse) to the Pediatric surgical oncology department at the Institute of Child Health, Egmore. Jivdaya foundation also partnered with Ekam to support 2 social worker cum data managers for the obstetric department for each of the Salem, Madurai and **Chengalpattu** Medical College Hospitals in Tamil Nadu initially and later extend to the entire State.

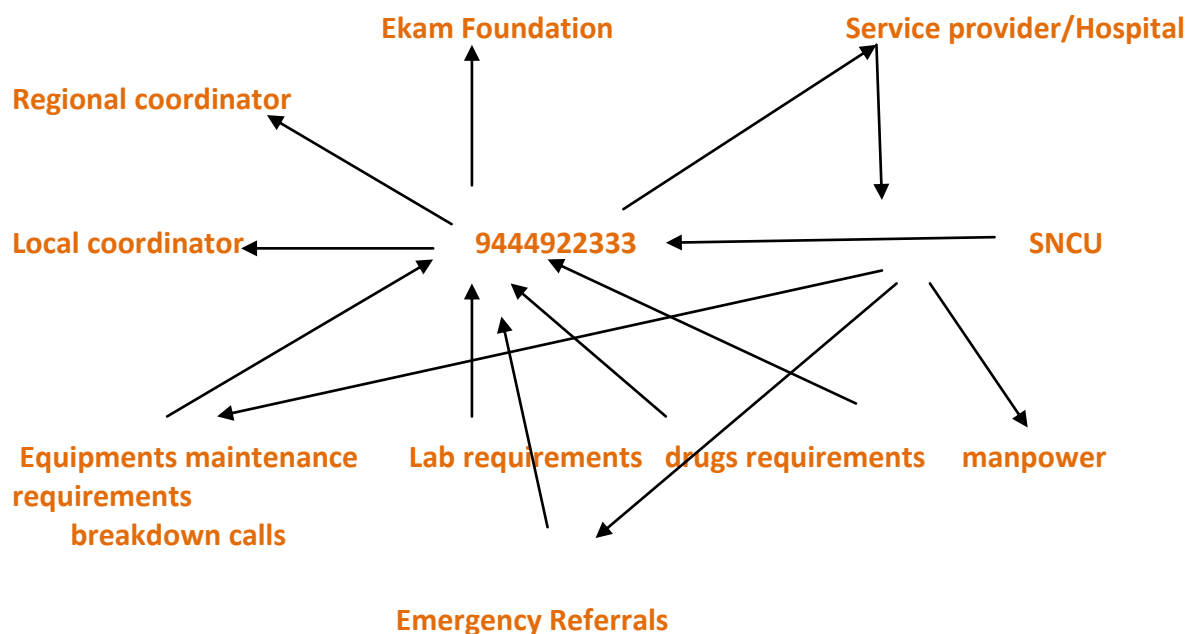
1.3 Equipment Support:

In Feb 2012, we received official approval from the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to provide equipment support in all Special Newborn Care Units (SNCU) in Tamil Nadu. A government order was issued to this effect by the erstwhile mission director, Mr.Pankaj Kumar Bansal. Permission to provide equipment support by East Meets West Foundation, US coordinated and facilitated by Ekam to the Neonatal unit of ICH (Institute of Child Health), Chennai, SNCUs of Chengalpattu and Cuddalore was given in August 2011. In the last year, equipments to the tune of 23 lakhs were donated to the 3 hospitals by EMW.

<i>Support provided</i>	<i>Donor</i>
<i>2 Ventilators at the SNCU , Chengalpattu Medical College Hospital</i>	<i>Mr Sreekanth from Free Mason's club & Rotary Club of Madras South</i>
<i>3 Ventilators at the Institute of Child Health, Egmore , Chennai</i>	<i>Rotary Club of Adyar</i>
<i>3 Samsung Ac , Steel Flower Cots-2, Drop Side Baby Cot-1 ,Syringe Infusion pump-2 ,Infusion pump-1,Multipara monitor 8.4" screen-1,Table top pulse oxymeter- 1 at ICH Egmore, Chennai</i>	<i>United Care Development Services</i>
<i>1 Ventilator at Chengalpattu Hospital</i>	<i>Social Investment Foundation of India</i>
<i>Phototherapy, CPAP, Pulsoxy meters,Lightmeters,Suction pumps,Baby bonnets,Eye patches, Ambu bags to Neonatal units of ICH, Chengalpattu and Cuddalore.</i>	<i>East Meets west Foundation</i>

1.4 Call 9445922333 - Ekam Helpline

In late March 2012, Ekam received permission from the government to start a helpline number and handle all calls for emergency supply of drugs, provide provision for immediate, recommend quality lab investigations, source emergency man power provision and to respond to emergency break down calls for equipment maintenance. This effort is a Public Private Partnership that aims to reduce mortality rates due to late referrals and slow response time.



2) Prevention Efforts

Through our preventive approach, we aim to promote early detection and management of the disease. In order to make this approach effective, we conduct several screening camps and trainings in order to equip health professionals and the community with the know-how that they require in paediatric healthcare.

A) Screening Camps

As part of our commitment to improved healthcare in the society, complete physical screenings are conducted on children who attend our health camps in ICDS (**Integrated Child Development Services**) centres at regular intervals. We have on board a panel of dedicated doctors and healthcare experts who volunteer and devote their precious time to conduct complete examinations on every child. If a child is found to be unwell or suffering from any health problems, our doctors refer the child for further tests to one of our

networked hospitals. Not only do we determine if a child is healthy for surgery, we treat or refer patients to local physicians to address other medical conditions. Last year, a total of **2616 children** were screened. Out of them, 1962 were treated as Outpatients. The total number referred to hospitals was 216. 64 children were treated overall as inpatients.

Paripoorna Bala Suraksha (PBS)

Ekam has partnered with Disha Foundation to establish the Paripoorna Bala Suraksha Project in order to conduct research to further the understanding of healthcare and disease trends in Tamil Nadu, India.. This project provides comprehensive paediatric healthcare coverage for very poor children in the cities of Chennai, Thiruvallur and Kancheepuram through screening camps

SCHOOL HEALTH CAMP 2011- 2012		
Total number of Camps		71
No of Children Screened		34165
No of FST/FAT Tablets given	1 st Dose	61340
	2nd Dose	98014
	3rd Dose	83532
Total number of FST/FAT given		242886
No of Schools trained on First Aid		72
No of School Children trained on First Aid		6562

Ekam also helps complement the government school health programme by forming Health Clubs, identifying referrals and providing FST (Iron) supplementation in corporation schools in Tamil Nadu. In 2011-2012, around **242886** FST tablets supplied were distributed amongst the **34615** schoolchildren.

B) Training Programs

Ekam also helps complement the government school health programme by conducting training camps in all corporation schools in Tamil Nadu. We have teamed with local like- minded organisations and have formed health clubs (for students between 6th and 9th STD) in schools. **6562** children were trained in the last year on First Aid, Disaster management and Fire-fighting was conducted for children by St. John's Ambulance, Red Cross, the Fire Service. **61** Health Clubs were formed across various corporation schools in Chennai.

Our awareness building approach works on various levels, through provision of need based training for nurses, through training programs for Anganwadi, Balwadi, volunteers, and community health workers. Development of literature in the form of manuals, training curriculum and other awareness building materials is underway.

3) Advocacy

At Ekam, we are aware that in order to make our efforts sustainable and to create a greater impact, we must build a self sustaining network, raise awareness, inspire action, identify the causes of these health issues and related deaths, and actively participate in the health community as an advocate for the need to improve the quality of maternal and child healthcare. Ekam’s advocacy efforts comprise raising community awareness on the lack of resources that government hospitals face and the implications it has on children’s health. Our burgeoning advocacy and efforts and projects include:

a) Bala Arogya Surkasha - Healthy Child. Healthy Communities.

To this effect, we have now signed an MOU with the the Pudhu Vaazhvu Project of the Government of Tamilnadu **to pilot a project** aims to operate the model for 2 years and transfer the model to be operated by the Government and local community across the State. Our role comprises the facilitation and provision of

- Skill based training to the community, government officials involved in health department, government medical staff at Village Panchayat level, cluster/block level, district and State level on home based maternal and child care, Food and Nutrition, first aid and basic life support, awareness on CM health insurance scheme & government hospital sanitation & hygiene.
- To facilitate the knowledge and skill updating training in NALS (Neonatal Advanced Life Support), PALS (Paediatric Advanced Life support), PEMC (Paediatric Emergency Medical Course), Management of Obstetric Emergencies to the Government medical officers and specialists in paediatrics and obstetrics and facilitate conducting regular teleconferencing with specialists , clinical discussions through CMEs and CPCs and forming speciality forums,
- To facilitate community monitoring and Governance reforms training to the community, government officials involved in health department , government medical professionals and staff at Village Panchayat level, cluster/block level, district and State level and bring in Local governance and Social accountability(Community Ownership).
- To complement and support the government in improving the Government hospitals infrastructure to take care of the critical medical needs of the mothers and children and giving quality health care by facilitating perinatal audits and forming support groups

Indicators:

1. Reduction in the maternal, neonatal and children deaths in the district
2. Participation of the community to see that there is increase in the utilisation of Government funds.
3. Building the skills and capacities of the community on home based maternal and child care, Food and Nutrition, first aid and basic life support.
4. Participation of the community in community monitoring training and building their skills and capacities in social accountability (community ownership).
5. Participation of government officials and staff in health department and government medical professionals in the governance reforms workshops and building their skills and capacities.
6. Participation and ownership of the community health volunteers, 108 ambulance team and obstetric nurses in following up of the referrals.
7. Developing, strengthening local institutions at various levels such as VHSC, VPRC, SAC, SHG, PLF, EAFs.
8. Community ownership in raising funds and taking care of emergencies.

- To facilitate and ensure that no mother or newborn/child get inadequate medical care and see that they utilise the Government health insurance and other health schemes like contingency funds in SNCU and Patient welfare Society funds optimally.
- To facilitate the follow up of high risk mothers and newborns through obstetric nursing counsellors, 108 ambulance and local health volunteers(SHG/VHV/ANW)
- To facilitate uninterrupted functioning of the equipments in the Specialised New Born Care units in government district head quarters and medical college hospitals in Tamil Nadu through repairs , preventive and continuous maintenance
- To facilitate Ekam helpline for emergency supply of drugs, provision for immediate, quality lab investigations, emergency man power(Nurses, Data managers, Social workers, Counsellors, Housekeeping staff and Security) provision and responding to emergency break down calls for equipment maintenance.

b) Community Monitoring of Home Based Maternal and new born care in Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri and Salem – A collaborative study with the UNICEF

Tribal blocks in Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri and Salem have higher infant mortality rates than other districts. UNICEF and Ekam aim to explore and understand the role of ASHA's (Accredited Social Health Activists) and VHN (Village Health Nurses) in the delivery of healthcare during and after pregnancy. These community workers were employed by the Government in 2010 to spread awareness and conduct referrals on a timely basis. The one year study aims to

- Conduct a baseline survey to understand the status of the maternal and neonatal mortality and morbidity in the three districts where the ASHAs are deployed including the desk review from hospital data.

- Conduct reinforcement trainings for ASHAs and VHNs on the Home based maternal and new born care and monitor the high risk mothers and LBW preterm babies in all the 15 villages of the 3 districts.

-Mobilize and train VHSC committee members which comprises of all stake holders like SHGs, AWWs, ANMs and Gram Panchayat for monitoring the home based care and referrals for maternal and newborn care.

- Assess the impact of the intervention on improving home based maternal and newborn care by ASHAs & VHNs along with the involvement of the VHSC

.Determine whether ASHA as member of Village Health & Sanitation Committee, can develop and implement village health microplans and VHSC can supervise the microplans routinely and effectively.

B) EVENTS

Doctor's Day Celebrations 2011

On 03rd July 2011 Dr.K.S.Sanjivi Awards 2011 was conducted by Ekam and Udhavum Ullangal jointly. This award was initially instituted by CIOSA and Udhavum Ullangal in the year of 2004 in memory of Dr.K.S.Sanjivi the doyen of community health care in Chennai and founder of Voluntary Health Services, Taramani. The award is given annually to young doctors and institutions who have served the poor beyond the call of duty without

compromising professional's excellence. **8 Doctors and 2 Medical institutions were awarded in the year 2011.**

List of Awardees 2011

Doctors

1. Dr Aravind Krishna M
2. Dr Arun Seshachalam
3. Dr TS Chandrasekhar
4. Dr P Gunasekaran
5. Dr R Ramakrishnan

Lifetime Achievement Award

1. Dr N Krishnamurthy

Institution

1. Cure Trust and Research Centre
2. ICO Charitable trust

Ekam- Domex Cleaning Drive- A Joy of Giving week initiative

As part of the Joy of Giving Week, Oct 2-Oct 8, 2011, Ekam had partnered with various organisations and mobilized volunteers to clean up government hospitals across Tamil Nadu. Maternal, neonatal and pediatric units of 24 government hospitals were cleaned in 20 districts across Tamil Nadu through the support of our friends in the community. Domex, the leading cleaning giant sponsored all the materials for the program.

The Battle of the Buffet-2011

The Battle of the Buffet is an event that is part of the Joy of Giving week. Started in the year 2009, this festival is celebrated in the week of Gandhi Jayanti (Oct2-Oct8). Last year, over one million people from different walks of life, spread across 70 cities took the festival to the rural backyard.

The festival was celebrated with a view to help raise funds for NGOs. Leading five star hotels and top restaurants of Chennai hosted a special buffet for 'givers' who made a minimum donation of Rs 5000 to any of the participating NGOs. The event was organised as part of the Joy of Giving exhibition, in which 60 Chennai-based NGOs showcased their services and hope to promote and publicise their cause.

Ekam was also one of the participants and managed to bring in the most number of donors (66 donors) who donated Rs 5000 and more. We managed to collect a total of Rs **9,91968 as donations.**

Our Success Stories :

Small initiatives make a difference

Small Initiatives can make a difference – Shwetha*

A volunteer for a few months with Ekam at the Institute of Child Health (ICH), Chennai, Shwetha realized how small initiatives could have a major impact.

- Excess food from the free patient kitchen that was being wasted is being issued free for the 'attenders' of patients thanks to her idea.
- a dilapidated unused building has been converted to a play area for cancer affected children because Shwetha asked college students who were visiting the place to help paint the walls and get toys for the children
- touts demanding bribes have been reduced thanks to Shwetha's regular rounds and ensuring that volunteers are at every entry place guiding the patients
- crowded out patient units that irritated doctors have been placed under strict crowd regulation by Shwetha resulting in more patients being attended to by doctors peacefully in shorter time than before

Small, simple steps are all that are required to make our systems deliver to the needy...there are many Shwethas waiting to manifest their goodness into positive and effective action for the benefit of our society!

***Volunteer name changed to protect identity**

Living Proof: Master Selvam

*4 year old Selvam was referred to us from the Government Hospital in Tirunelveli. The child was diagnosed with Guillian Barre Syndrome – a potentially life threatening neurological condition. This condition can usually be managed with a life saving drug IVIG (Intra venous Immunoglobulin). Although, treatment is free in Government Hospitals, IVIG is rarely available. The child needed a total of 25gms of IVIG (5gms of IVIG costs Rs.7, 500) given for 5 days. Selvam's father was a daily wager and mother was a house wife who could not afford the treatment. Ekam immediately contacted our donors and sourced funds to support the child's treatment. Selvam recovered completely after the treatment was provided. He is now attending school and continues with all his daily activities in ease. We would like to thank all our donors for their benevolence and also, our drug supplier * for providing us the drugs immediately on a subsidised rate.*

THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS (Friends of Ekam)

Our exciting journey over the last five years has been made possible only because of the continuous investments that people have made into Ekam. Without their support and unshakeable faith in our work, Ekam would not be where it is today. There are so many people we would like to thank, for having faith in us and our vision.

Our sincere thanks to the Tamil Nadu Government and the NRHM. Special mention to Mrs. Girija Vaidyanathan—Health Secretary and Mr Pankaj Kumar Bansal, Mission Director of NRHM and Project Director of TNHSP for their faith in us.

We would also like to thank the DME, DMS, DPH, ICDS Commissioner and Mrs. Amudha, Project Director of TNWDC and Pudhuvazhvu and also the entire team from NRHM and TNHSP comprising of Mrs. Aruna, Dr. Vasanthi, Dr. Shanthi, Dr. Vinay, Dr. Gunasekar, Dr. Jerard, Dr. Selvavinayagam, Dr. Abirami, Mrs. Susitra, Mrs. Savitha. Special thanks to Mrs. Shajeevana, Assistant Project Director and the entire team of Pudhuvazhvu project.

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Ekam is always looking for ways to involve the community in promoting our vision. We appreciate your willingness to help our institution. Please find below some ways that you can support our cause.

- 1. Support a child in the hospital by donating Rs.25, 000/-*
- 2. Rs.500/- campaign – Donate a minimum of Rs.500/- per month per person on a regular basis.*
- 3. Connect us to Corporates or local companies who can adopt some of our 41 SNCUs (Sick New Born Care Units) in the government hospitals as a part of Bala Arogya Suraksha project locally in the districts to bring in support for drugs, lab or equipments by donating **Rs.50, 000/-** per month.*
- 4. Help us in bringing in public support by pay roll deduction or by ECS (Electronic Clearance System), where the donor will have to fill in a form that we will issue.*
- 5. Volunteer – Please donate your time to help us upgrade a local government hospital , refer children, spread awareness on healthcare.*

6. Sponsor a Health Camp – Support operation costs, drugs and transportation for one referral health camp (Rs 6,000)

Ekam Foundation – Fact Sheet

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Contact Person	<i>Dr Sailakshmi Balijepalli Managing Trustee 9003035307</i>
Founded on/by	<i>July 7, 2007 / Dr Sailakshmi Balijepalli</i>
Organisation nature	<i>A secular, not for profit, no assets based non-governmental organisation that is dedicated to equitable provision of healthcare to children in Tamil Nadu.</i>
Vision	<i>Providing every needy child with the Right to Health.</i>
Mission	<i>Ekam's aim is to complement the government in ensuring that 'No child shall be denied healthcare, no parent shall feel guilty of not being able to provide adequate healthcare, and no doctor shall feel guilty of refusing patients because of financial constraints'</i>

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