

***ANNUAL REPORT 2014-15***  
***EKAM FOUNDATION***

**PRESENTED AT THE BOARD MEETING**  
**ON 25/07/2015**

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## INTRODUCTION

Since our inception, Ekam has reached out to over 6,00,000 children and as many families through our various initiatives at the grass root level. In addition, Ekam has provided direct life saving medical support to around 6200 children. This has been possible only because of our approaches to target Infant Mortality at various levels. As a child's health is dependent on the health of its mother, we also have many interventions that target the well being of adolescent girls, pregnant women and mothers.

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. While, it has always been clear that the health of a child is a reflection of the status of the community it belongs to, Ekam has grown to realize one cannot separate the health of a child from the health of its mother. As the two are directly related, it is close to impossible to address the pertinent issue that is infant mortality without focusing on the issues that cause maternal health. Today, Ekam works across the RMNCH+A gamut (Reproductive, Maternal, New-born, Child and Adolescent) with the view to holistically addressing Infant Mortality Rate.

What sets Ekam apart from other organisations is its expansive network which brings in people from different communities, the public sector and the private sector who work together to bring our vision to realization. This approach enables the organisation to focus its attention on the most underprivileged communities, together with its work at the statelevel.

Nothing works better than the community which comes together for a cause. Every child that Ekam helps moves us one step closer to our dream. We invite you to be part of this dream and join hands with us. As one body, let our ideas, thoughts and actions inspire more people to contribute to this wonderful cause and save more lives.

## FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

As we reflect on the last one year, we are humbled by the truth that in spite of what we have done in the field of public healthcare, there is still so much more to do in the area of infant and maternal health. Our mission has been to support the government health system. And in this pursuit, we are happy that Ekam Foundation has played a role in helping some needy children with the health facilities that they deserve. We are inspired by the knowledge that many fantastic people share our vision of an equitable world of healthcare, and are willing to put their money and effort behind it, even in the toughest of times. Whilst it has been a difficult journey for Ekam this past year. However, we realize that in every challenge we encountered, was an opportunity to reach out for support, and we received help in abundance - be it government support, our large-hearted donors, our dedicated friends within the medical fraternity, and our volunteers and friends. It proved our philosophy that nature always responds in abundance to pure intentions of need!! This is what miracles are about. I would like to thank each one of them on behalf of the Ekam family and all those children, whose lives have been saved because of 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 of joy, 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 right and the freedom to live. Let us all love them unconditionally and support them to enable them to experience this 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, Nigeri***

## EKAM IN A FEW WORDS

- A Not-For-Profit Organisation – a Trust-Based NGO.
- Founded by Dr Sailakshmi B., a paediatrician in a community paediatric.
- Initiated as a project of Mehta Hospital, Chennai in 2006, and as a CSR incubatory project of CIOSA/MAFOI in 2007.
- Registered as a trust under Trust Act in 2009, with 11 Trustees.

- Public-private partnership model for MCH care (Children of 0-19 years age group, and mothers in the reproductive age group.)
- A Self-Obsolescent Model - A catalyst for a bigger movement towards the well being of the community of mothers and children.

## THE YEAR AT A GLANCE

- Total Number of Children :**1173**
- Directly Supported by Ekam: **1003**
- **1453** Referrals. Both Direct and Indirect
- 98.6% of all the equipments in working condition – SNCU Equipment maintenance
- No of Nurses whose recruitment was facilitated: 180.
- 661 committees formed
- 4946 training programs conducted and 693 training activities conducted

## CORE VALUES

*We Belong to One Another; We all walk as One When we remember that we are all 'ONE'.*

Ekam is a Sanskrit word meaning 'One' or 'Oneness'. The idea that we are all one entity and the concept of Universal Oneness is the basic principle on which Ekam was formed. The core values stated below are an expression of what Ekam as an organisation stands for. These values are not subject to change over time, for a person, or situation. Rather, they are the underpinning of the organization's culture.

- 1 Love & Compassion
- 2 Truth
- 3 Accountability and Transparency
- 4 Togetherness
- 5 Trust
- 6 Commitment
- 7 Honesty
- 8 Voluntary Participation
- 9 Co-Operation
- 10 Self-Discipline
- 11 Passion
- 12 Dedication

## VISION and MISSION

Ekam's vision is to reduce neonatal, infant, childhood, adolescent mortality rates and maternal mortality ratio by enhancing the delivery of the public healthcare system to the needy children & mothers.

Our mission To ensure the delivery of an appropriate high quality, comprehensive, continuous health care to every neo nate, infant, child, adolescent and mother in a respectful, caring and family centred environment regardless of their financial situations by supporting and improving the public health care system.

## OUR PRESENCE

- Ekam Foundation is headquartered in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- The foundation has a network of 83 private hospitals and 320 paediatricians in TN working to save lives.
- Ekam has also reached out to over 2500 Government Hospitals in Tamil Nadu , around 6000 villages panchayats in Tamil Nadu
- Successful operations across all 32 districts in Tamil Nadu.
- Expanded into M ward, Andheri, Mumbai, Maharashtra. Location mostly comprises slums and slum rehabilitation buildings.
- Currently in talks with the Govt of Chhattisgarh to copy the Ekam Model in the state.

## OUR IMPACT SO FAR

### DIRECT

Ekam's effort towards the healthcare of underprivileged children has been a great success. Ekam's work of reducing the infant and maternal mortality also had a great impact on society. From 2009, till March 2013, we have directly had an impact on the lives of 6204 children. Support worth Rs 3,83,50,640 has been mobilized to support the

#### 2007-2009

In addition, since 2007 we have conducted over 800 screening camps, screened 2, 58,631 children for life threatening illnesses. Close 12672 children were provided with medical support at the camp site itself.

#### Financial support:

Ekam could not have reached out to the number of children that we have without the help and support of our sponsors- Individual and corporate. Ekam did this only by mobilizing a world of generous hearts. So far we have spent around Rs 3,83,50,640 ( USD 767,012.8) on our projects. **THE NEED**

### EKAM'S MODEL

- Ekam has adopted a revolutionary organizational and administrative model – the '**circular**' model.
- There is not 'Boss' or 'CEO'. All are equal and all are accountable to each other.
- The founder sits in the nucleus and deliberates on goals and tasks, and conveys them to the Administrative Team , who coordinate with the government offices, hospitals, the stakeholders and other community people, to achieve the goals and implement the tasks.

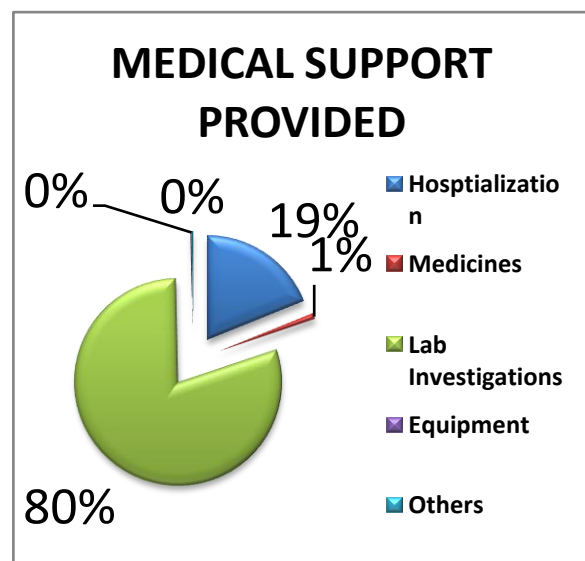
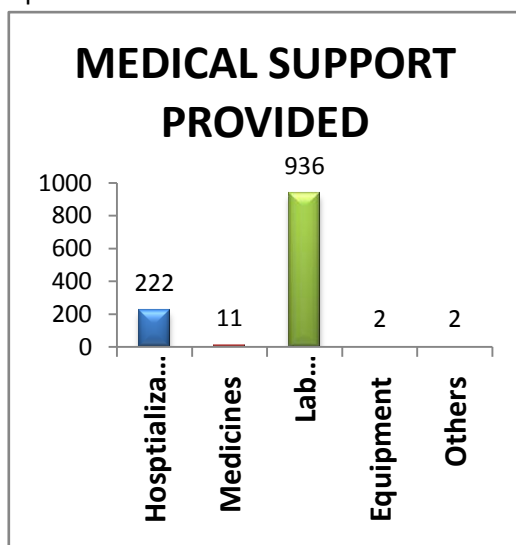
## OUR PROJECTS

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

- Providing secondary and tertiary care for children admitted in private hospitals.
- Providing medical equipment, lab support and medications for children admitted in government hospitals.
- Filling infrastructure gaps in the government healthcare system
- Improving the condition of government hospitals through renovation and revitalization efforts.

## 1. SAVE A CHILD

Ekam's primary role is to ensure that every child or mother that is referred to us is attended to immediately. Anyone who needs urgent medical attention in Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra is just one call away from our dedicated 24/7 hotline number. The patient welfare team answers all queries on an immediate basis and along with a group of technical experts refer the child for immediate treatment. Any child that is referred to us through our network of regional officers or local partners will be treated and provided the best possible treatment course for the child. The patient helpline team also follows up on the child/babies' condition on a daily from its time of admission till discharge. Post discharge, the team ensures that regular follow ups are done, that the child is being administered treatment as per the doctor's advice and to ensure that post discharge check-ups are not missed. The team also engages regularly with the families by making home-visits to check on the child's status and counsel them regularly. The Ekam patient welfare team has on-board technical medical experts from across the globe who provide the necessary recommendations for each child who comes in for support. Based on the recommendations, we refer the child for appropriate help to our network of hospitals. Requests for help are usually directed to a 24/7 call centre – The Ekam Helpline.



During the year 2014-15, through the 'SAVE A CHILD' project, we provided direct medical support for 526 children.

- **TN:** In early 2011, Ekam Foundation launched a 24/7 hotline number 944592233 in Tamil Nadu. The number was launched to identify and attend to the medical needs of underprivileged children and mothers. Once you can call 944592233 for medical assistance, second opinions or any further information about treatments or hospitals.
- **MUMBAI:** In Maharashtra, Dial line 9029399554 for 24 x 7 help.
- For further information, please contact [helpline@ekamoneness.org](mailto:helpline@ekamoneness.org)

## PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM UPGRADATION

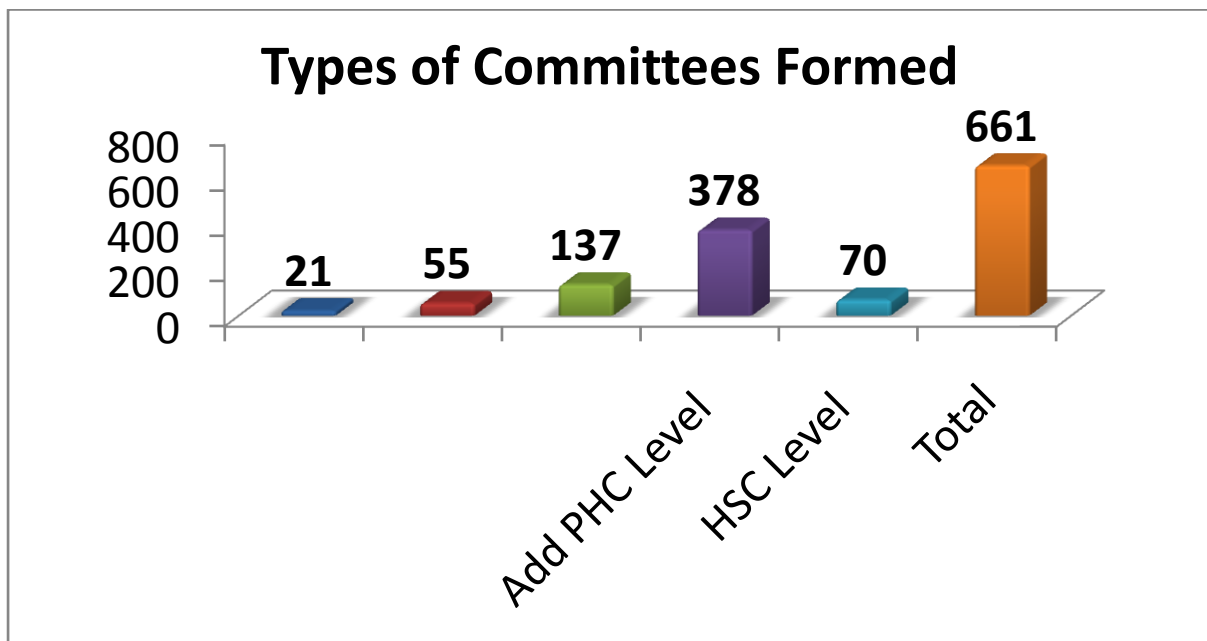
We also believe in bridging the gap between the government public health machinery and the community. Our aim is to ultimately contribute to improving the condition of government hospitals and thereby increase the reach of quality healthcare to every person in the community. Ekam has a pronounced relationship with various government Bodies. Ekam has established a strong network with 2500 government level health facilities in TN. These include Medical Colleges, District Head Quarter Hospitals, Taluk and Non Taluk Hospitals. This public-private partnership was established to

reduce neonatal, infant and maternal mortality rates throughout the state. Ekam truly believes that it is only in working along with the Government that true, sustainable change is achieved.

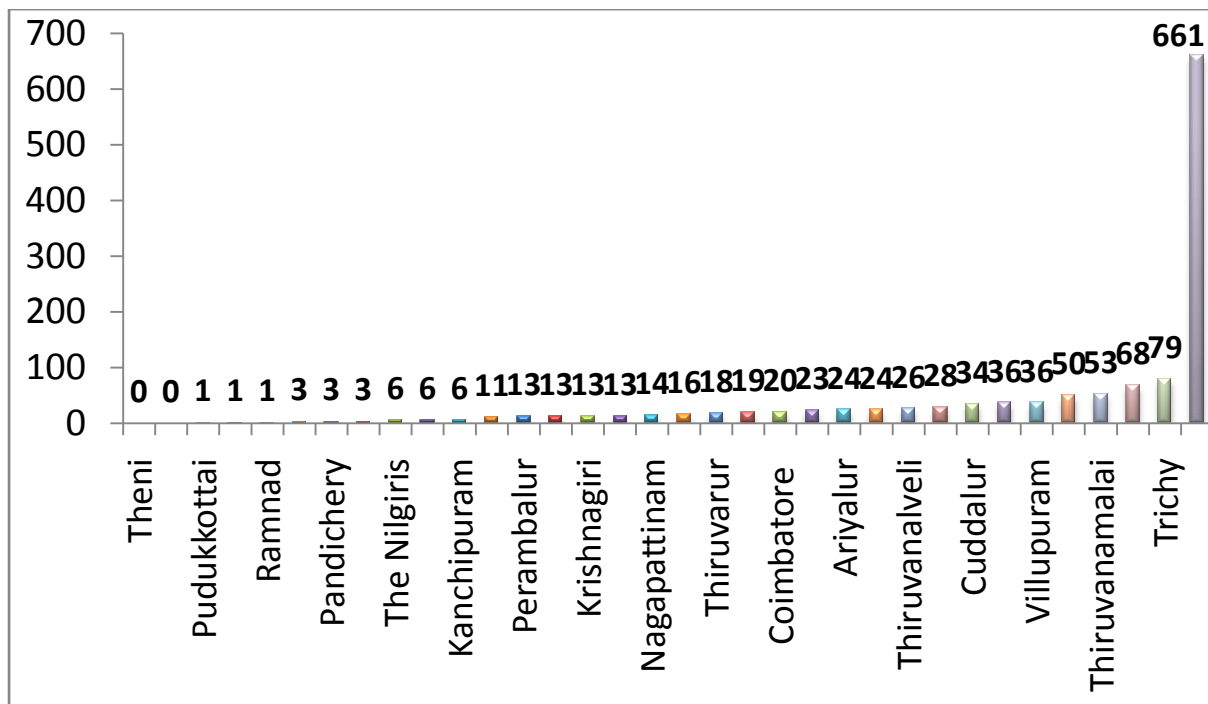
## **2. BALA AROGYA SURAKSHA**

### 1. COMMUNITY INSTITUTION BUILDING

The main aim of the program is Community Institution Building which is done by bringing in a confluence of CCPP (Community, CSOs, Public sector and Private Sector) to form committees who would play both service providing role and advocacy role by knowledge and skill transfer to committees at all levels [Women/mothers groups/youth clubs/school health clubs in the village level, youth VHWSCs at Panchayat level, BAS (CCPP) committees at Block, Taluk, District and State level]. The target population of this project includes mothers and children (0-19 years) from poor and marginalized communities. Our team works to build their capacities and skills on home based maternal and child care, food and nutrition, first aid and basic life support; and also encouraging local governance and social accountability for the same.







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- Equipment Maintenance
- HR gaps in Government Machinery and subsequently filling the gaps.
- Our approach has always been to complement the public health system and not replace it. Some of the projects where we work closely with the government are
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- • Support to the Institute of Child Health, Egmore: Ekam has an established relationship with the Institute of Child Health, Egmore and works very closely within 13 departments in the hospital.
- • SNCU Manpower Support: Signed an MOU with NRHM to recruit and monitor 640 Nurses within 64 Sick New-born Care Units in Tamil Nadu Hospitals. Signed in
- • NBSU Manpower Support: Signed an MOU to recruit and monitor 340 Nurses within 114 New-born Stabilisation Units in TN Hospitals.
- • SNCU Equipment Maintenance Support– An MOU with the State IMNCI Nodal Centre for upkeep and maintenance of equipment within Sick New-born Care Units (64 units) across TN.

- NBSU Manpower Support: Signed an MOU with TNHSP for Recruitment and Monitoring of 1212 nurses as part of their Non Communicable Diseases Intervention.
- RCH Manpower Support : Partnered with the Department of Public Health for Recruitment and Monitoring of 741 Nurses for their Reproductive and Child Health Nursing Program.
- Mobilizing Government Funding: With the help of our dedicated helpline team, we ensure that government schemes and funds, departmental funds are utilised to the fullest.
- SNCU Equipment Helpline: With a dedicated helpline number 9445030801, we now are just a call away from sorting out any equipment breakdown related concerns in SNCUs in Tamil Nadu. Our call centre team attends all calls and transfers the queries to our network of engineers who immediately fix all equipment related issues. The number can also be accessed to get real-time status updates on equipment in Neonatal Intensive Care Units (NICU) and Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU).

- **EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

In the year 2011, we were signed an MOU with the Govt of TN equipments within Sick Newborn Care Units [Tertiary care facilities for newborns] were in working condition. Most of the equipments were poorly functioning, not functional or even dumped in warehouses as they were not functioning. Our team, comprising a group of 18 efficient officers at the district level identified a group of Bio medical engineers who worked on overhauling, repairing, replacing with recommended spares for all the equipments in the SNCUS. We also established a helpline number for the SNCU Staff to contact in case of any machine breakdowns. Every breakdown is attended to within 2 hours time. In case of big breakdowns, the turnaround time is 24 hours, during which time an alternate machine is given as a replacement. All this was done on a low cost basis by the engineers and on a zero cost basis by Ekam foundation. Through this project, we have managed to touch the lives of and perhaps, even save over 4 lakh newborn babies in TN since 2011.

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- **NURSES RECRUITMENT**

- In the year 2009, we got a wonderful opportunity to do our bit when the Government approached us to help them in staffing, recruitment, training and monitoring of 344 nurses in tertiary newborn care units in 44 hospitals in TN.



- Since then, we have been instrumental in providing around 2900 nurses within different health departments to 1500 government hospitals. All of them have been identified locally at the district level by our trusted group of regional officers who ensures that the entire process of identifying ideal candidates, training them, ensuring there is knowledge transfer and mentoring and monitoring is done smoothly. Every month, the nurses'

performance is reviewed by each officer in collaboration with technical experts from various specialties.

- While the 648 nurses staffed in Sick Newborn Care Units, Newborn Stabilization Units handle emergency and life-threatening cases, 1200 nurses handle cases related to life-style diseases like cardio-vascular problems, cancers, diabetes and other non communicable disorders thereby helping us identify high risk mothers early. The rest of them work as part of the Directorate of Public Health's preventive programs.
- Each nurse stationed within tertiary care settings handles an average of 20 newborns or children a day. The ones in primary and secondary care settings handle around 10

cases a day. In all, the Ekam nurses have reached out to over 4, 50,000 children and around 3,00,000 mothers since they have been recruited.

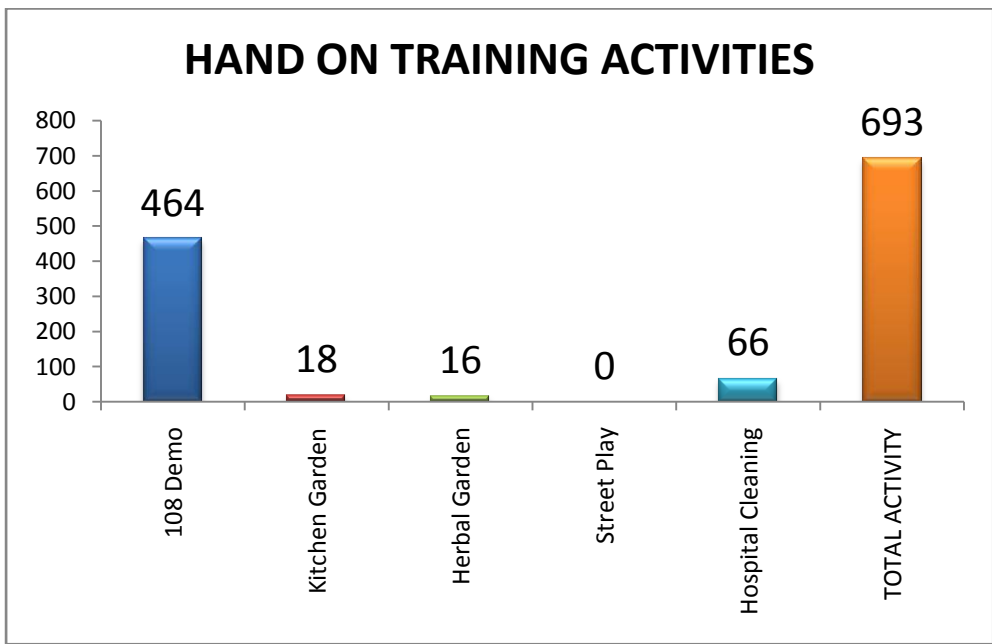
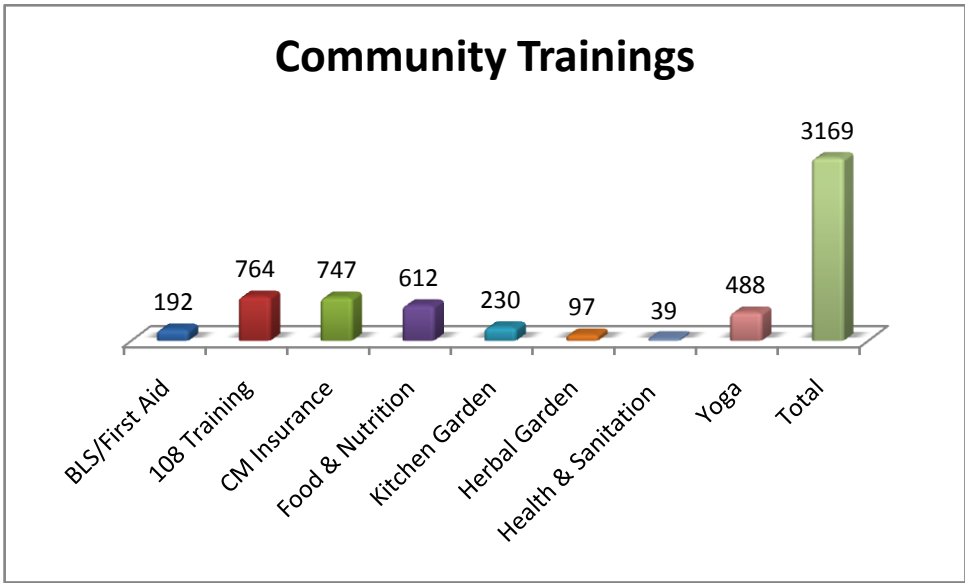
- Our nurses have been trained to work keeping in mind our core values of truth, love and transparency. They have always gone beyond their call of duty to help us in our community level initiatives, identify cases early, refer children and provide regular awareness trainings to the community. They act as our local volunteers and along with the regional officers, ensuring that no child or mother that they are connected to is denied the right to good healthcare.

### **3. PRAGNYA KNOWLEDGE RESEARCH AND TEACHING INSTITUTE – CAPACITY BUILDING**

As part of our preventive approach, we promote early detection, management of diseases and also prevent health problems. Through these, we hope to equip health professionals and the community with the know-how that they require in paediatric and maternal healthcare. To make this approach effective, the following efforts have been put in place. Our capacity building approach works on various levels through provision of need based trainings. Development of literature in the form of manuals, training curriculum and other awareness building materials is done following thorough consultative discussions with technical experts from the respective fields.

#### **General Awareness**

Ekam is engaged in advocacy and wider educational activities comprising raising community awareness on the lack of resources that government hospitals face and the implications it has on children's health. Regular awareness programs are conducted for the community, mothers, pregnant women, adolescent girls, school children, youth clubs, child parliaments; families of pregnant women etc on pertinent health issues will be provided and workshops will be planned accordingly.



- **Government Health Staff**

Refresher trainings that are specifically held for nurses and doctors. Topics include but are not limited Paediatric Advance Life Support (PALS) , Facility based Integrated Management of Neonatal and Children’s Illness (F-IMNCI) , Neo-natal Advance Life Support (NALS) ,Integrated Management of Neonatal and Children’s Illness (IMNCI) , Paediatric Emergency Medical Course (PEMC) , Paediatric speciality trainings [cardiac, Hemato oncology etc] , Emergency Obstetric care , Perinatal Audit , Behavioural modification trainings, orientation on New-born Stabilization Units (NBSU) +Sick New-born care (SNCU)+ Skilled Birth Attendant (SBA), New-born Stabilization Units (NBSU) on NSSK (NavjaatShishuSurakshaKaryakram) module.

200 mentor nurses training

One of the strategies adopted has been to build the skills and capacities of existing healthcare personnel, particularly nurses. It is already known that building capacity to improve health is an important element of effective health promotion practice. It increases

the range of people, organizations and communities who are able to address health problems.

In late February 2015, United Way signed an MOU with Ekam Foundation, a healthcare based NGO working within the Maternal and Child Health spectrum. The project, which is run under the auspices of Directorate of Public Health, Tamil Nadu aims to build the capacity, empower and mentor 200 nurses from the Government health centers and enable them to take the knowledge and skills forward to the existing framework of nurses stationed within all the Government Hospitals in the state.

These nurses are being trained and mentored by specialists and experts in the field of Obstetrics, Pediatrics and Neonatology from premier healthcare institutes in the country. The one year project has been conceptualized keeping in mind that training these Master Trainers will essentially strengthen their skills and competencies and thereby make way for provision of quality care services for maternal and child health care.

The program is committed for excellence and was conceptualized with the sole intention of bringing down IMR and MMR in government healthcare settings and ultimately, that of TN. It is expected that the program will help build a resource pool of the best, the most qualified, skilled, knowledgeable trainers who will be masters in the field.

### **3. RESEARCH**

After 6 years of working closely across various levels, we've learnt that lasting change is only possible when we tackle the root causes that continue to keep the community and the healthcare system vulnerable. While we continue working on the preventive and promotive aspects of lowering IMR, we realize that a thorough understanding of the many issues that are debilitating to the health of an area is vital. An understanding of the ground realities are essential to demonstrating the gaps and advise the Government of changes that should be made. Recommendations for policy changes are then brought in order to scale up the necessary interventions.

## **EVENTS**

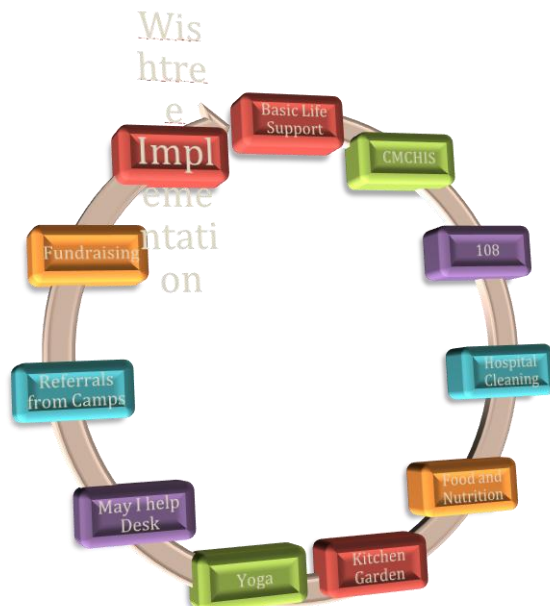
### **Ekam's founder receives the Nari Shakti Award**

Our founder Dr Sailakshmi Balijepalli was honoured with the Nari SHakthi Puraksar . The Award was presented by the President of India- Dr Pranab Mukherjee on International Womens Day in recognition of her efforts in the field of Maternal and Child Health



## The Joy of Giving week initiative

As part of the Joy of Giving Week, Oct 2-Oct 8, 2014., Ekam had partnered with various organisations and mobilized volunteers to clean up government hospitals across Tamil Nadu. Maternal, neonatal and paediatric units of 1200 government hospitals were cleaned in 32 districts across Tamil Nadu through the support of our friends in the community



As part of the program, we involved 13 Government Departments

- National Rural Health Mission
- Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project
- Tamil Nadu Women's development Corporation
- Puthu Vaazhvu Thittam
- Integrated Child Development Scheme
- Directorate of Medical Education
- Department of AYUSH
- Department of Public Health
- Directorate of Medical Services
- National Service Society
- Tamil Nadu Agriculture University
- Agriculture Department
- Department of Health and Family Welfare

## **The Battle of the Buffet-2014**

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. Through the event, we collected a total amount of **Rs 9,91968 as donations.**

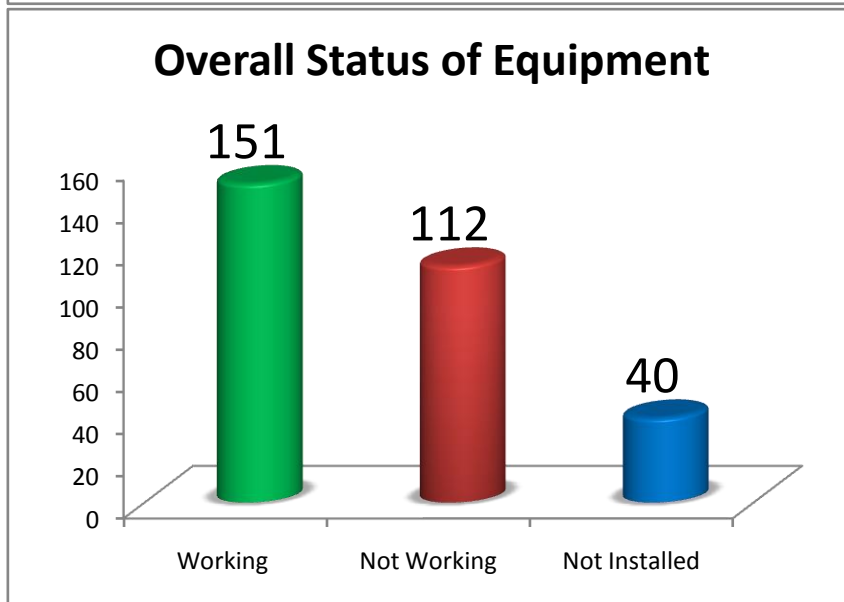
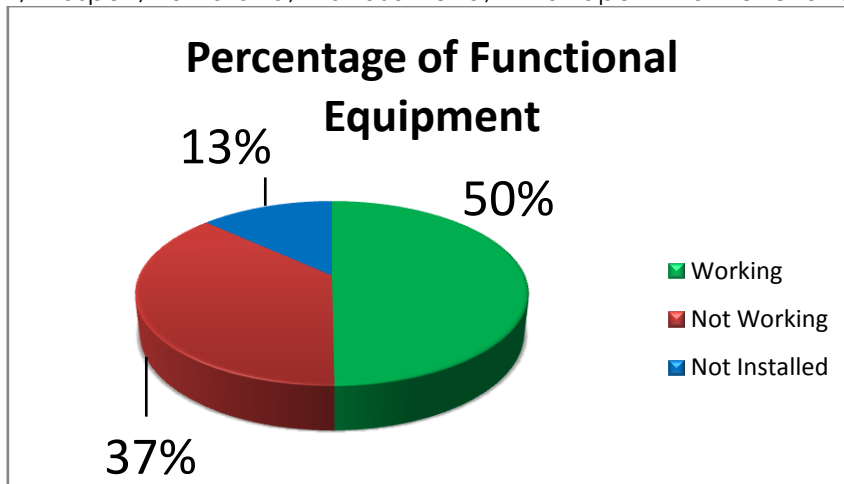


## CHHATTISGARH

Ekam foundation started our operations in 13 districts in CG.

### Service Delivery:

- Staffing, Training and Monitoring of Health Care Staff in 13 District Hospitals (143 Nurses, 9 Data Entry Operators).
- **Equipment Maintenance:**
- Overhauling and Maintenance of all equipment within the 9 District SNCU
- **Establishment of a central helpline** to attend all breakdown calls within the SNCUs **Within 13 SNCUS**
- Raipur Medical College ,Durg , Rajnandgaon , Dhamtari , Raigarh - Currently 4 Functional
- Jagdalpur , Bilaspur , Kawardha, Mahasamund, Ambikapur – Non functional





## TESTIMONIALS

Dr Girija Vaidyanathan - Former Secretary of Health, State of Tamil Nadu  
Dr. Girija Vaidyanathan, I.A.S.,  
Additional Chief Secretary /  
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### TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In my many years of experience as a civil servant in the Government and specifically in the health sector, one of the most idealistic, hardworking and selfless individuals I have met and interacted with is Dr Sailakshmi Balijepall. I was first introduced to Dr Sailakshmi in 2009 when I was working as Mission Director for the State Health Society for Tamil Nadu which implements the National Rural Health Mission in the state. As a paediatrician who had then recently founded her own organisation, Ekam Foundation, Dr Sailakshmi approached the government with an offer to extend her support to our child health Initiatives. Her organisation supported our flagship initiative by recruiting, training and placing neonatal nurses in sick newborn wards, a partnership which led to the successful setting up of Neonatal Intensive care units throughout the state. The diligence and effort put in by Dr Sailakshmi and her team, on a no profit basis, reaffirmed my faith that she is a true champion for the cause of delivery of services for improved child health . Her motives are pure and her vision pointed. She and her team continue to provide their inputs and support to the Government whenever we require them.

What impresses me about Dr Sailakshmi is the devotion and commitment which with which she approaches every task of hers. She is a rare person who works without looking for credit or recognition for her efforts. I can personally attest to the long hours and personal sacrifice she puts in to achieve her goals which is the only thing that matters to her. She is able to inspire and motivate her team and all of us, through her personal example, attending to each detail with care while never losing track of the big picture.. the need to provide better quality healthcare for all children.

I am sure Dr Sailakshmi will not rest in her endeavour to reach out to as many needy children as possible. As a true social worker who has put in focused efforts into delivering better health care for poor children, I see Dr Sailakshmi as a real change maker and a role model for many young doctors and social activists. I wish her all the best in all her future initiatives.


  
(DR.GIRIJA VAIDYANATHAN)


## TRUSTEES


## PARTNERSHIPS

Ekam's partnerships are a reflection of our absolute faith that nothing can bring about an actual change like the community which shares a vision and joins hands for a cause. Ekam does not believe in working as an independent organisation. It is only in bringing together all the stakeholders involved that real change can be seen. 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.

# GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

<b>National</b>	<b>Rural</b>	<b>Health</b>	<b>Mission(NRHM)</b>
			
<p>Ekam foundation works with NRHM on Equipment maintenance of all Sick Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) across Tamilnadu. To this effect Ekam has started the equipment Hotline which will enable us to provide services in case of breakdown of equipments. The Ekam helpdesk functions on the DMS campus to address the queries regarding all SNCUs (namely equipment breakdown calls, drug support,lab investigations and staff grievances)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Visit Website</a></p>			

<b>Integrated</b>	<b>Child</b>	<b>Development</b>	<b>Services</b>	<b>(ICDS)</b>
				
<p>Ekam works with ICDS to screen and take care of referrals and follow up cases for children in ICDS project areas in the Tamilnadu state.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Visit Website</a></p>				

<b>Puthuvazhvu</b>

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The Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project (TNHSP), implemented by the Health and Family Welfare Department (Government of Tamilnadu), lends its support to the Health Policy of 2003 and focusses on improving the health status of people belonging to the lower socio-economic strata. New approaches to address non-communicable diseases, addressing the health needs of the tribals and partnerships with the NGOs form the core of this project. The Tamil Nadu Health Systems Project will assist in fulfilling the aims of the Health Policy through the following interventions

## Department of Public Health

The Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine is responsible for the implementation of various National and State Health Programmes. This Department also plans and implements measures to prevent the occurrence of communicable diseases thereby reducing the burden of morbidity mortality and disability in the state. The activities undertaken by the department of public Health and Preventive Medicine are provisions of primary health care, which includes Maternity and Child Health Services, Immunisation of children against vaccine preventable diseases, control of communicable diseases, control of malaria, filaria, japanese encephalitis, elimination of leprosy, iodine deficiency disorder control programme, prevention of food adulteration, health checkup of school children, health education of the community and collection of vital statistics under birth and death registration system and environmental sanitation. Prevention and control of waterborne diseases like Acute Diarrheal Diseases, Typhoid, Dysentery prevention and control of sexually transmitted diseases including HIV / AIDS.

## **PRIVATE HOSPITALS AND OTHER VENDORS**

Ekam has a network of private hospitals, drug suppliers, equipment suppliers, equipment engineers across Tamil Nadu who we engage with on a regular basis where the children referred to us are provided with quality care and comprehensive treatment.

### General Public

**Give India:** GiveIndia is a donation platform that allows you to support a cause of your choice through more than 200 Non-Governmental Organizations that have been scrutinised for transparency & credibility.

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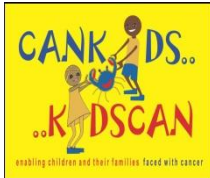
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**Can**

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Ekam foundation partners with the Can Kids... Kids Can for children affected with cancer, to provide a holistic approach for the affected children and their families, through a variety of support programs to cancer units in Tamilnadu. In particular, the actions foreseen with the medical, psychological and social support of children and families, as well as the creation of a house where children can stay during treatment and follow up visits.

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### The Mafoi Foundation



The Ma Foi Foundation works towards the holistic development of communities. It has touched the lives of thousands of adults and children, providing them with a platform to learn, grow and lead better lives. The initiative aims to help disadvantaged communities achieve economic independence by building an integrated support system that provides education, training and entrepreneurial mentoring by partnering with community based organizations and corporate houses.

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**Confederation of Indian Organizations for Service and Advocacy (CIOSA)**



**CIOSA**

The CIOSA is an 8-year, 500-member strong pioneer network. CIOSA connects NGOs, corporates and individuals to make a difference by learning from one another, sharing resources and acting together.

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**Oriental**

**Cuisine**



Provides financial support for the security and sanitary workers of the Institute for Child Health-Egmore (ICH-Egmore)

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## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

### Other Organizations

#### PunchCharity



Ekam foundation has partnered with Punch to provide equipment to Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICU). They are also providing the funds to meet the expenses of three nurses. .

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**Singapore**

**International**

**Foundation**

**(SIF)**



SIF brings people together to share ideas, skills and resources to effect real change in areas such as

healthcare, education, the environment, arts and culture, as well as livelihood and business. .

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The United Nations Childrens Fund (UNICEF)

UNICEF and Ekam aim to explore and understand the role of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHAs) and Village Health Nurses (VHNs) in the delivery of healthcare during and after pregnancy.

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## THANK YOU

When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for, but it helps us also to develop inner happiness and peace. And thus we are an instrument in being the soul force to keep the lamp of life burning  
The 14th Dalai Lama -