

EKAM USA SUMMARY

No child should be deprived of health care due to financial constraints – this is the mission of Ekam (Oneness). The entire community is striving to give its best to ensure that the mission is achieved, thanks to Ekam, which shoulders the responsibility of bringing the community together to reach out to the needy children.

Ekam USA was started in 2016 to support the work of Ekam Foundation in India and to encourage youth to participate in local service projects in USA.

EKAM FOUNDATION is a non-profit organization registered in 2009 at Chennai, Tamilnadu that aims to improving the healthcare system of the society in the sphere of maternal and child health. Enabling lifesaving medical treatment, collaborating with government health sector to enhance healthcare delivery and counteracting on mortality causes are some of the impactful projects carried out by the Ekam. Ekam seeks to foster a sustainable society through various community-based health education and training programs to empower people in making informed choices to live a better lifestyle and empower overall well-being of the community. **The founder of the organization is**

Dr. Sailakshmi Balijepally, a visionary paediatrician and recipient of the prestigious Nari Shakti Puraskar award from the President of India in the year of 2015.

In 2008, Ekam got Tamil Nadu Government approval for supporting Government hospitals in child care on a Public-Private Partnership model. Ekam has taken up The Institute of Child Health and Hospital for Children (ICH) as its pilot project for the Public-Private partnership model, with a view to upgrading the facilities at these hospitals in terms of fund and infrastructure. Ekam has added its own staff members at ICH - the trained staff members include a housekeeper, a chemo nurse and a lab technician. Now Ekam works with all the Government Medical Colleges, Government Districts Head Quarters hospitals, Primary Health Centres of Tamilnadu also expanded its activities in Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhrapradesh, Nagaland, Maharashtra in India and legally registered in USA, UK and Canada.

Government cannot take care of every child; it is the responsibility of the community to assist the Government. "Ekam's aim is to complement the Government's efforts and not to replace it"

Ekam Foundation works holistically in 3 areas

1. Direct Healthcare support (SAVE A CHILD project)

Facilitating medical treatment for underprivileged children suffering from life threatening illness to save lives through timely intervention.

The primary scope of the program is to provide life-saving medical support to children, thereby contributing to a reduction in the number of child deaths.

- Early Identification of needy children requiring medical support.
- Facilitation of necessary treatment support like hospitalization, medicines, consumables, drugs, equipment, lab investigations etc.
- Liaising with hospitals to ensure quality care delivery
- Tracking discharged children to ensure compliance and complete recovery.

2. Sustainable Well-Being Initiative (SWBI)

Aim to bring about a reduction in child and maternal deaths by improving the overall well-being of the community.

In order to work towards preventing infant deaths, ensuring an improvement in the maternal health status, overall well being/gross happiness of the community is necessary and therefore, the secondary objectives are to create awareness on the following issues which is of paramount importance.

- Reproductive, Maternal, Neonatal, Child and Adolescent Health [RMNCHA+A]
- Sanitation
- General Health
- Nutrition
- Women Empowerment
- Youth Empowerment
- Local Governance
- Environment, Energy, Water, Food
- Gender Roles

3. Research & Development

Intervention based on recommendations on Action Research, Process Innovation and Social Audit to District Coordinators of Ekam Foundation, Government of concern State and Donors/ Funding Partner.

Impact of 10 years

- Supported 15,292 children through Direct Healthcare program by providing financial assistance for their hospitalization, life-saving medicines, lab investigations, equipment.
- Touched lives of 1 million neonatal infants by
 - a. Recruited, trained and monitored of 3097 staff nurses across 99 Sick Newborn Care Units (SNCU) of Government Hospitals of Tamilnadu & Chhattisgarh , 297 New Born Stabilized Units of Tamilnadu, 741 Primary Health Centres of Tamilnadu.
 - b. Provided preventive maintenance support for all the equipment in all the 64 SNCU's, of Tamilnadu and 23 SNCU's of Chhattisgarh. 98% of the equipment are up and running.
- NMR in TN dropped from 21 to 16 from 2010 to 2017

- Strengthened the team of Master Nurse Trainers employed by the Department of Public Health, Govt of Tamilnadu through development of linkages with Government and Private Hospitals for practical training and education.
- Chhattisgarh SNCU's upgraded by recruiting to 25 Data Entry Operators, 30 Medical Officers recruited at Sick Newborn Care Units.
- Eight crores worth of (8crs) Life saving medical equipment donated to SNCU's of Government Hospitals in Tamilnadu and supported 50000 plus infants.
- Ekam's activities expanded to 7 states of India as follows Tamilnadu, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Karnataka, Gujarat, Nagaland.
- Ekam Foundation legally registered as separate entity in USA, UK and CANADA.

Response to COVID-19

The COVID-19 pandemic is the greatest global health crisis of our time. Since its emergence late last year, the virus has spread to almost all the countries in the world. We are in uncharted territory and all governments are racing to slow the spread of the virus by testing and treating patients, encouraging people to use protective gear, quarantining citizens, among other measures. But in these unprecedented times, each one of us also needs to step forward and cooperate with the authorities in whatever way we can. We, at Ekam, are committed to saving lives, helping people cope up with this crisis and doing our part.

In this context, with support of our esteemed partners, Eicher Foundation, Cognizant Foundation, United Way Mumbai, Give Foundation and Ekam USA have very kindly and magnanimously, come forward with Ekam and donated INR 13,04,13,116/-

Project Area	Location	Beneficiary Group	INR	USD
Tamilnadu	25 districts	32 Government Medical Colleges/ Government Hospitals/ Corporation Hospitals , 65 police stations, 1600 Community Health Workers	8,26,83,735	11,32,654
Karnataka, Andhrapradesh, Telangana, Maharashtra, WestBengal, Delhi & Gujarat	7 states	17 Government Hospitals, 7 Police Commissionarate, 13 Community Health Worker group	4,77,29,381	6,53,827
Total Cost			13,04,13,116	17,86,481
<p>\$52,000 raised for COVID relief in USA</p> <p>\$72,000 raised for COVID relief in India</p> <p>\$44,000 raised for Mother/ Child health in India</p> <p>Food donation to - Elderly, Homeless, Disabled, Children/ Pregnant women, Daily workers</p> <p>PPE- Ekam foundation donated \$1.2 million worth PPE and medical equipment in 6 states of India</p>				

