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The Foundation pioneers public health initiatives through the YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education. YRGCARE is a premier non-profit HIV/AIDS organisation in Chennai, India, established in 1993 by Dr. Suniti Solomon. In partnership with leading centres from around the world, YRGCARE implements research in the fields of epidemiology, laboratory sciences, prevention, and treatment outcomes. YRGCARE also strives to respond to the information and care needs of the community, using a broad array of client-friendly services and programs.



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"We shall not miss any opportunity to touch the lives of people we serve."

- Dr. Suniti Solomon Founder, YRGCARE



OUR FOUNDER

Padma Shri Dr. Suniti Solomon is a pioneer and leader in the field of HIV Disease. In 1986, Dr. Suniti Solomon documented the first cases of HIV Infection in India. As part of that effort, she founded the Y.R. Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education (YRGCARE). She was posthumously conferred the Padma Shri, India's fourth highest civilian award on Republic Day 2017 in recognition of her pioneering work in the field of HIV disease and her yeoman service to HIV-positive people, their families, their communities, and the country. Dr Suniti's experience covered a wide range of aspects related to HIV infection, from biomedical to socio-economic factors. She has published extensively on HIV epidemiology, prevention, care and support, research ethics and gender issues.



VISION

People with HIV/AIDS and their families live with dignity and there are no new infections



MISSION

To respond to the prevention, care, and research needs of the country

OUR GOVERNANCE



Sunil Suhas Solomon MBBS, Ph. D., MPH is a Professor of Medicine, in the division of infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA.

Sunil Suhas Solomon, Chairman, Managing Trustee

S. P. Thyagarajan D.Sc (Microbiology), Ph.D., M.D, is Professor of Eminence and Dean (Research) at Sri Ramachandra University, Porur, Chennai and a former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Madras.

S.P. Thyagarajan, Trustee



M. K. Mani MD, FRCS, FNAMS is the Chief Nephrologist at Apollo Hospitals, Chennai and the Honorary Managing Trustee, Kidney Help Trust, Chennai.

M. K. Mani, Trustee

Kartar Singh is Director, International Relations at SRM University, Chennai as well as adviser and consultant to several Indian and UK organisation and former British Council - South India's first Deputy Director based in Chennai.

Kartar Singh, Trustee





HUMAN RESOURCES - INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY REPORT

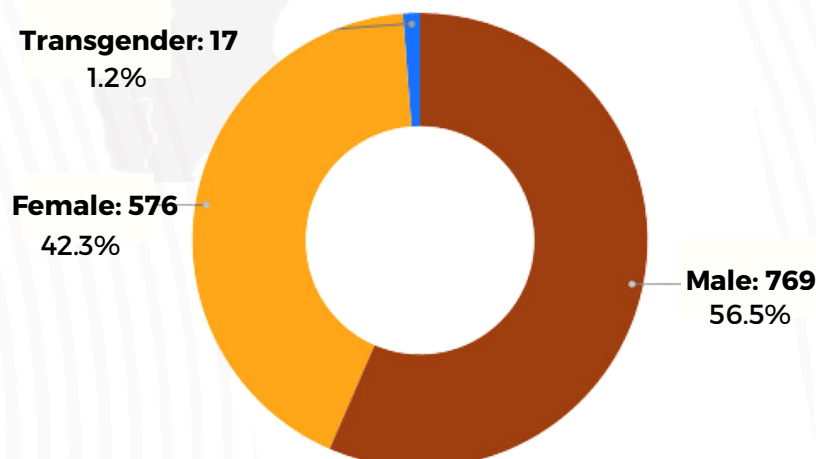
At YRGCARE, we value the diverse strengths that individuals of all gender identities bring to our organisation. Our commitment to fostering an inclusive workplace drives us toward a future where everyone is valued, respected, and empowered to reach their full potential.

Initiatives and Programmes

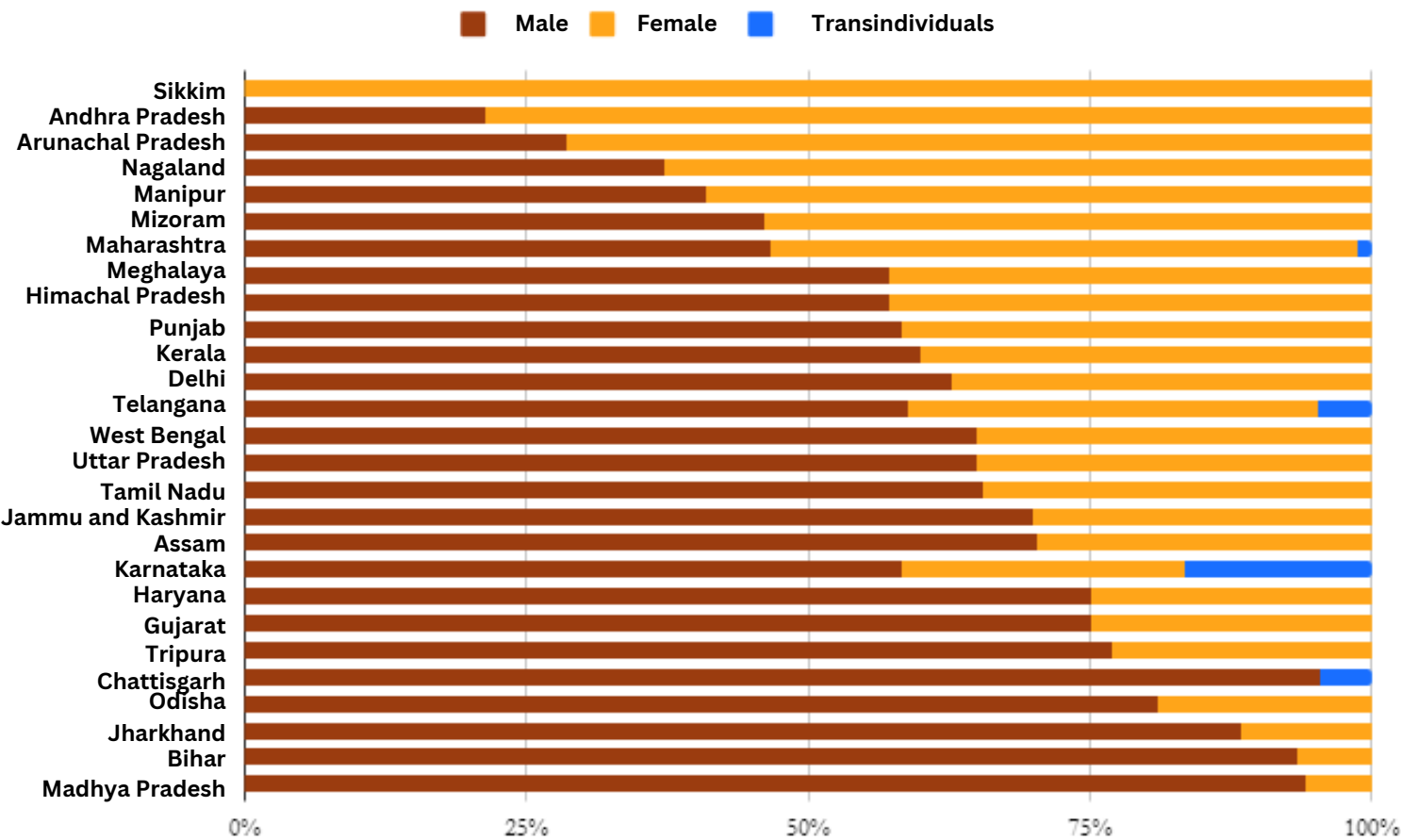
- We have gender-inclusive policies and practices that ensure all employees are treated with respect and dignity, regardless of their gender identity. Our policies are focussed on providing a safe working environment for all employees.
- To promote awareness of gender diversity, we offer regular diversity training sessions for all employees. These sessions focus on creating inclusivity, addressing biases, and enhancing communication. Our new employee induction includes a 1-hour session on gender equality, sexualities and office etiquette.
- Our commitment to diversity starts at the recruitment and hiring stage. We ensure that our job postings use gender-neutral language and focus on attracting a wide range of candidates. We also collaborate with platforms that specialize in connecting transgender individuals with job opportunities.
- Our comprehensive benefits encompass healthcare for women and transgender employees. We also provide flexible work environment with options like work from home and compensatory offs. Our leave policy includes maternity and paternity leave options. We aim to for our benefits package to reflect the diverse needs of all employees, creating an inclusive and supportive work environment.
- Throughout the year, we organize events that recognize and honour gender diversity. These events not only raise awareness but also provide opportunities for women and transgender employees for open dialogue and learning.

Gender Distribution

As of March 2023, YRGCARE employs 769 males, 576 females, and 17 transindividuals.

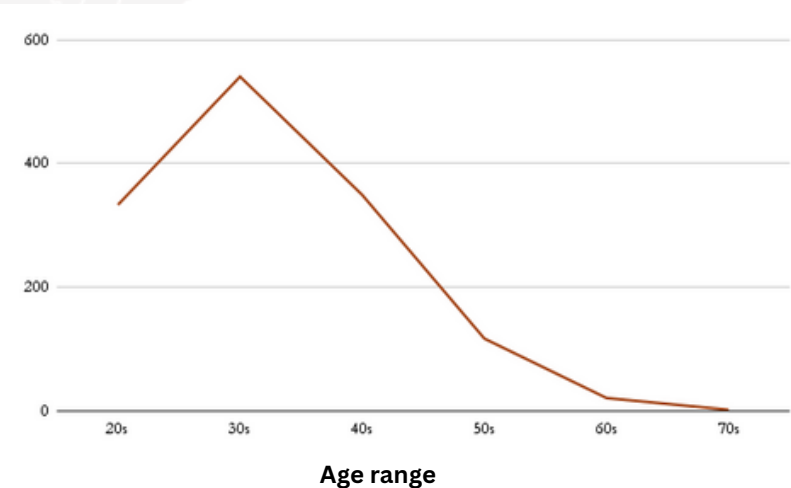


Location-Wise Distribution of Gender



Diversity By Age

At YRGCARE, we recognise the value of having a workforce spanning a diverse range of ages. This diversity fosters a dynamic and adaptable environment and a culture of continuous learning.



Future Goals

We are committed to continually assessing our practices, seeking employee feedback, and adapting our strategies to create a more inclusive workplace. Our future goal is to include more women, transindividuals and a more diverse population into our workforce and to formulate LGBTQ+ friendly policies that cater to creating a supportive work environment.

CLINICAL SERVICES

Our philosophy is to receive and serve all patients, irrespective of their economic status, providing a continuum of care cascade.

The YRGCARE Suniti Solomon Outpatient Clinic, Chennai

Over the past 30 years, YRGCARE has provided clinical care for nearly 2 million people living with HIV and vulnerable populations. Our clinical services extend to people with all infectious diseases, with a focus on HIV, Hepatitis C, TB and also non-communicable diseases in persons living with HIV.

- **Well Women's Clinic**
- **Pediatric & Adolescent Clinic**
- **Dental and Eye Clinics**
- **Online Consultation**

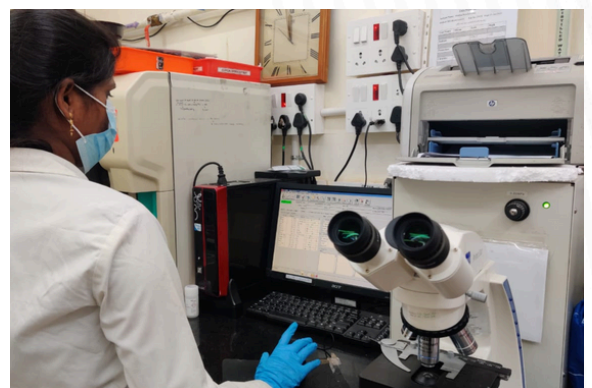


Satellite Clinic, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh

Our longest serving satellite clinic is in Andhra Pradesh, in collaboration with the Indian Red Cross Society. The clinic is equipped with a trained physician, nurse, counsellor, who are available for medical and psychosocial care. The clinic is equipped with a laboratory to conduct HIV spot tests, CD4 count, HIV/HCV viral load, biochemistry and haematology and a subsidised pharmacy.

YRGCARE Infectious Diseases Laboratory

Our laboratory with state-of-the-art equipment is staffed by experienced and qualified professionals, positioned to meet the emerging needs of HIV and other infectious diseases. We conduct research in the areas of the basic sciences, offer educational programs organised by qualified scientists/faculty, and also a PhD program in Medical Microbiology.



PROJECTS



YRGCARE partners with the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine-led 'ACCELERATE' project, to provide Technical Assistance (TA) to the national, state, and district HIV/AIDS programs of India, under the directives of PEPFAR, support of USAID, and collaboration with NACO. Project ACCELERATE supports NACO in addressing gaps in existing programming, with overall focus on vulnerable populations and High-Risk groups. The program is concentrated on the entire HIV cascade in high burden PEPFAR cluster districts in the states of Maharashtra (Thane, Pune) and Telangana (Hyderabad, Rangareddy, Mahbubnagar, Karimnagar, Nalgonda), and implements OVC activities in all 33 PEPFAR cluster districts in India across the states of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Nagaland, Manipur, and Mizoram.

Services

- Prevention
- Testing
- Linkage to ART
- Patient Retention & Viral Suppression
- Orphan and Vulnerable Children (OVC) & Adolescent Program

Impact

- The program has successfully reached and provided coverage to over 118,000 people living with HIV (PLHIV) ensuring access to the necessary care and support for managing their condition effectively.
- Successful integration of services with 150+ government facilities, facilitating collaboration and strengthening the reach and impact of HIV programs across different regions
- Through the Safe Zindagi platform, increased the reach and provided coverage to a virtual population of 3 lakh+, ensuring accessibility to necessary support to all
- New diagnosis of 13,000 PLHIV, with an impressive 95% of them successfully initiated on treatment. This achievement is crucial for controlling the spread of HIV and improving the health outcomes of those affected.
- Served over 30,000 vulnerable children, including 9,000 children living with HIV (CLHIV), ensuring that they receive specialised care, support, and treatment to improve their health and well-being

YRGCARE partners with Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, supported by the Elton John AIDS Foundation (EJAF) to expedite the efforts of the National AIDS Control Program (NACP) both in Prevention as well as the Treatment component. Under different components, the project identifies the hidden and unreached PWID, spouses/partners, PLHIV clients, and their sexual, injecting, and other social partners through strengthened outreach activities, index testing, and a peer navigation approach. These approaches work towards improving the outcomes to achieve the 95-95-95 targets.



The Sabrang Clinic, in association with the Uttar Pradesh State AIDS Control Society, is a pioneering effort aimed at providing holistic healthcare services to transgender communities in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, India. This innovative initiative aims to address the unique healthcare needs of transgender individuals who often face challenges and discrimination when seeking medical care. The clinic provides a safe and inclusive environment, free from prejudice and stigmatisation, where transgender individuals can access a wide range of services. Sabrang Clinic sets an essential precedent in promoting inclusivity and equal access to healthcare for all, regardless of gender identity, and may serve as a model for other regions and communities to follow.

Services

- HIV & STI Screening
- Medical Health Check-up - STIs and NCDs
- Mental Health and Sexual Health Counselling
- Vaccination
- Laser therapy Services
- Facilitating management of Gender Identity Disorder (GID) and Sex Reassignment Surgery (SRS)
- Social Entitlements

Impact

- Increase in registration of transgender individuals.
- Expansion of district representatives covering over 15 districts.
- A surge in transgender Dera Nayaks connected with the clinic.
- Identification of 12 Community-Based Organisations from 5 districts.
- Streamlined communication: WhatsApp group (900+ members)
- Successful webinars (3), promoting community engagement and awareness.
- A substantial rise in transgender certificates issued by the Social Welfare Department.



YRGCARE partners with Plan India under the Global Fund for AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria programme, in collaboration with NACO, to accelerate the national response towards achieving the fast-track 95-95-95 targets among key PLHIV populations (PWID / PWUD / Bridge Populations), through three components. They include Prison & Other Closed Setting Interventions, One-Stop Centres and Community System Strengthening initiatives. YRGCARE is the leading partner in supporting 14 SACS in the execution of the Community System Strengthening initiatives by NACO.

The project seeks to work with the key PLHIV populations, who cannot access the traditional Target Intervention (TI) model. Given the COVID pandemic, mitigation effort and reverse migration, the project is critical in ensuring prevention of HIV/ STI among these risk groups. The activities under this grant will supplement the national programs efforts through an Integrated care approach, by networking and linkages with existing TIs and departments.

Services

- HIV Care Cascade
- Integrated Health Screening
- Linkages to social entitlements and benefit schemes
- Prison-based specific services



YRGCARE is an implementing partner of John Snow India Pvt. Ltd. under the USAID Project MOMENTUM Routine Immunization Transformation & Equity. We facilitate COVID-19 vaccines and precautionary doses to key vulnerable populations in 5 districts of Maharashtra, India, through micro-planning for vaccine administration, training and supervising healthcare staff, increasing demand for vaccinations and strengthening community partnerships. YRGCARE teams have facilitated 5 lakh+ COVID-19 vaccine and precautionary doses to key populations.

Impact

- The team has successfully facilitated the administration of 6,41,91,928 lakh vaccine doses to people across its five operational districts in Maharashtra between January 2022 to July January 2023.
- Vaccination included 240+ vulnerable and high-risk groups of populations including persons from lower income communities, indigenous communities, migrants, minorities, children and adolescents, and children/teenagers, pregnant women, and more.



Camp Rainbow is a psychosocial intervention delivered through the vehicle of camp, providing a unique opportunity for Children Living with HIV (CLHIV) and their families to participate in HIV education and traditional camp activities. They are aimed at enhancing the campers' adherence to treatment, medication, and nutrition to improve their quality of life while also focusing on some serious fun, all free of charge. Our Camps are usually Day Camps and Residential Camps, hospital based programs, and camps for in-patient care children with HIV and Cancer, together with their families.

Services

- Day Camps and Residential Camps
- Camps for in-patient care for children with HIV and Cancer, along with their families
- Hospital based programmes

Impact

- Campers (residential camps) : 1887+
- Leaders-in-Training : 491+
- Volunteers Trained : 1616+
- Our reach : 11 states across the country

BLUE SHED PROJECT

Services

- Viral Surveillance in PWD Populations in India
- Assessing Prevalence of SARS-CoV-2 IgG/IgM Seroconversion in Indian Population
- Virus Discovery and Sequencing at Indian Sentinel Sites (Chennai, Delhi and Aizawl/Mizoram)
- Evaluation of Abbott Monkeypox RUO tests

Locations

- Aizawl, Mizoram
- Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- Delhi, National Capital Territory of Delhi.

RESEARCH



All research is governed by the Institutional Review Board, the Community Advisory Board and the Institutional Scientific Committee Y.R.G.CARE

CLINICAL RESEARCH | FCRA

- **Impact of DAA scale-up on HCV RNA prevalence in a community of PWID in Imphal, India: A seroepidemiology and modelling study**
(2019 - 2023 | Ongoing)

Dr. Amrose Pradeep

Ⓢ Gilead Sciences

- **Predictors of Resistance Emergence Evaluation in MDR-TB Patients on Treatment (PREEMPT)**
(2020 - 2023 | Ongoing)

Dr. Amrose Pradeep

⊕ Brown University Ⓢ Boston University

- **A Phase 3, Randomized, Double-Blind Study to Evaluate the Safety and Efficacy of TenofovirAlafenamide (TAF) 25 mg QD versus TenofovirDisoproxil Fumarate (TDF) 300 mg QD for the Treatment of HBeAg-Positive, Chronic Hepatitis B**
(Duration - Completed)

Dr. Amrose Pradeep

Ⓢ Gilead Sciences Inc; CRO: KlinEra Corporation India

CLINICAL RESEARCH | NON-FCRA

- **Multi, non-randomized, non-controlled, open label Phase IV trial to evaluate the safety, tolerability and effectiveness of Dolutegravir 50 mg tablet of Emcure Pharmaceuticals along with other antiretrovirals among HIV-1 infected subjects**
(Duration - Ongoing)

Dr. Amrose Pradeep

Ⓢ National AIDS Research Institute

LABORATORY RESEARCH | FCRA

● **Development of Early HIV Infection Cohort to Determine Immunobiological and Viral Characteristics and the Impact of Early Initiation of Treatment on the Subsequent Immune Responses and Correlation with Disease Progression and Management**

(2018 - 2023 | Ongoing)

Dr. K G Murugavel



International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)

LABORATORY RESEARCH | NON - FCRA

● **Population-based research studied to understand disease dynamics towards effective management of prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS, including co morbidities and co-infections" - Phase-II of the Collaborative Programme on HIV/AIDS Research**

(2018 - 2023)

Dr. K. G. Murugavel



Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Institute of Genomics and Integrated Biology (IGIB), National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), Yenepoya University



Department of Biotechnology

● **Development of Broadly Neutralizing monoclonal antibody mediated prevention and treatment strategy by assessing their effectiveness in neutralizing HIV-1 subtype C circulating in India across different regions and distinct risk groups**

(2020 - 2025 | Ongoing)

Dr. K. G. Murugavel



Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), National Institute For Research In Reproductive and Child Health (NIRRH)



Department of Biotechnology - Welcome Trust

LABORATORY RESEARCH | NON - FCRA

- **Study on the Hepatitis B virus vaccine response among HIV-1 infected individuals - A Multicentre study**
(Duration - Ongoing)

Dr. H. Syed Iqbal, Dr. A. Pradeep, Dr. Sunil Suhas Solomon

- ⊕ Dr. Sarvode.N. Mothi, Dr. VHT. Swamy, Dr. Srirama (Asha Kirana Hospital), Dr. Rajesh Sengodan, Dr. Thirunavukkarasu Dharmalingam, Dr.L. Arunachalam (Government Mohan Kumaramangalam Medical College and Hospital, Shevapet, Salem, Tamil Nadu)
- ₹ Indian Council of Medical Research

- **Study of HIV-1 Drug resistance to Dolutegravir - A World Health Organization recommended first-line therapy**
(2023 - 2026 | Ongoing)

Dr. T. R. Dinesha

- ₹ Indian Council of Medical Research

- **Treatment Failure and Drug Resistance In HIV 1 Subtype C Infected Individuals Starting Dolutegravir Based First Line Therapy in India**
(Duration | Ongoing)

Dr. S. Gomathi

- ⊕ Brown University
- ₹ Indian Council of Medical Research

- **Studying HIV-1 env diversity and selection of suitable immunogens across India and Africa for informing HIV-1 prevention strategies**
(Duration - Ongoing)

Dr. K. G. Murugavel

- ⊕ Translational Health Science and Technology Institute
- ₹ Translational Health Science and Technology Institute

LABORATORY RESEARCH | NON - FCRA

● **Identifying Novel Mechanism of Protease Resistance among patients failing second-line HAART in South India**

(2019 - 2022 | Completed)

Dr. T. R. Dinesha



Indian Council of Medical Research



Indian Council of Medical Research

● **HIV-1 Reservoir dynamics in women and men - Current research gap in cure strategy**

(Duration - Completed)

Dr. S. Sivamalar



Indian Council of Medical Research

● **Association of KIR/HLA genotypes with HIV-1 acquisition and disease progression among people who inject drugs (PWID Cohort) from India**

(Duration - Completed)

Dr. K. G. Murugavel



Indian Council of Medical Research

● **Molecular and Neutralization characteristics of HIV-1 virus isolated from high risk individuals (Men Sex with Men, MSM) across India**

(Duration - Completed)

Dr. P. Nandagopal, Dr. Sunil Suhas Solomon, Dr. H. Syed Iqbal



Indian Council of Medical Research



Indian Council of Medical Research

● **Consortium of Cohorts for HIV resistance and progression in Indian Children and Adults**

(Duration - Completed)

Dr. K. G. Murugavel



National Institute for Research in Tuberculosis (NIRT), National AIDS Research Institute (NARI), Indra Gandhi Institute for Child Health (IGICH), National Institute of Epidemiology (NIE), Government Hospital of Thoracic Medicine (GHTM)



DBT / ICMR/ IAVI

COMMUNITY RESEARCH | FCRA

- **Strategies to improve the HIV care continuum among key populations in India**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



Johns Hopkins University



Johns Hopkins University

- **Individual, Network and Spatial drivers of HIV and HCV among Drug Users in India**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



Johns Hopkins University



Johns Hopkins University

- **HIV Services for Key Populations**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



USAID / Johns Hopkins University



USAID / Johns Hopkins University

- **Integrating HCV services into HIV programs for PWID in India**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



<Collaborator/s>



Johns Hopkins University

- **PWID Opportunities to Improve TrEat and Retain (POINTER)**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



<Collaborator/s>



Johns Hopkins University



COMMUNITY RESEARCH | FCRA

● **Reaching the hardest of the hard to reach – A pilot cluster randomized trial to evaluate the cost effectiveness of a network based strategy and a network based stager coupled with field-based testing to identify HIV and/or HCV infected PWID in the community who are unaware of their status.**

(Duration | Completed)

<PIs / Coordinators>



Johns Hopkins University



Johns Hopkins University

● **Defining a target product profile (TPP) for next-generation HIV prevention vaccines**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



<Collaborator/s>



International AIDS Vaccine Initiative

● **Pre-Risk Exposure (PrEP) for Transwoman in India**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PIs / Coordinators>



<Collaborator/s>



The John C Martin Foundation

● **Transportation of Blood/Plasma sample of HIV Infected Patients**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PI / Coordinator/s>



Collaborator



Mumbai District AIDS Control Society

● **Transportation of Blood Sample for HIV Viral Load Testing**
(Duration | Ongoing)

<PI / Coordinator/s>



Collaborator



Mumbai District AIDS Control Society

COMMUNITY RESEARCH | NON - FCRA

- **Implementation of Link Worker Scheme in Ludhiana**
(Duration | Completed)

<PI / Coordinator/s>



<Collaborator/s>



Punjab State AIDS Control Society

- **Public Private Partnership driven management of Antiretroviral Therapy center at Yashwantrao Chavan Memorial Hospital at Pimpri-Chinchwad in Pune, Maharashtra**

(Duration | Completed)

<PI / Coordinator/s>



<Collaborator/s>



Janakidevi Bajaj Gram Vikas Santha (JBGVS)

- **JHII COVID Relief Response**
(Duration | Completed)

<PIs / Coordinators>



Johns Hopkins University



Johns Hopkins University



Unilever

IN-KIND DONATIONS



Y.R.G.CARE

In collaboration with Unilever, with their generous support and in-kind product donations, YRGCARE undertook a crucial initiative to distribute nutrition, hygiene and sanitary goods to children in schools and at children's homes and through liaising with other NGOs to reach the larger community in need. This project spanned from December 2022 to July 2023, resulting in the successful distribution of an impressive 150 tonnes of essential products to communities in Chennai, Delhi, Mumbai, Lucknow, Bengaluru, and Kolkata.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Unilever for their significant in-kind product donations, which have had a profound impact on countless lives and the institutions serving those in need. These contributions have been greatly appreciated and have not only improved the quality of life for those in need but also provided essential relief to organisations facing budget constraints.

Unilever generously donated 150 tonnes of various products, including Horlicks, Boost, Kissan Squash, Lipton Sip and Digest, Bru Gold, Bru Herbal Care, Bru Instant Decoction, Bru Beaten Coffee, Bru Instant Coffee, Close Up Mouthwash, Toothpaste, and Mouth Spray, Pepsodent Mouthwash and Toothpaste, Ayush Freshness Gel Cardamom Toothpaste, Ayush Whitening Rock Salt Toothpaste, and Ayush Anti Cavity Toothpaste.

Unilever's generous product donations have greatly improved the lives of children in the mentioned Indian cities. This partnership underscored the importance of collaboration and enhanced community well-being. We're deeply thankful for Unilever's invaluable support and positive impact.



ENHANCING COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES



Established in 2010, ECO Kitchen is a not-for-profit initiative by the
Y R Gaitonde Medical Educational and Research Foundation.

ECO Kitchen addresses **ECONOMIC STABILITY** and **FOOD SECURITY** in the community.

We have carefully crafted our production to minimise our impact on the environment.



**ECONOMIC
EMPOWERMENT**



**24/7
OPERATIONS**



**LOW CARBON
FOOTPRINT**

Our meals will delight and satisfy your senses!

Spread over **18,000 sq.ft.** with a production capacity of **35,000+** meals and snacks each day!



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We are FSSAI certified!



A bridge between those in need and those who wish to help.

We all see hunger and poverty around us and share a desire to make a difference. Kathir Dhan responds to hunger and malnutrition, rampant yet hidden from public view. Launched in 2010, we distribute high quality, nutritious meals produced at our kitchens in Chennai.

Kathir Dhan is an initiative of YR Gaitonde Medical Educational and Research Foundation.

This initiative saves the lives and dignity of children, women, elderly, and the differently abled at orphanages, destitute homes, and poorer communities in Chennai, through food donation.

IMPACT REPORT

- **1,18,266** meals prepared
- **Rs 65,98,326** received as donations
- **6,829** festive meals served to beneficiaries
- **63 homes** linked with the Kathir Dhan program
- MoUs signed with the **Rotary Club of Chennai IT City** and **Living for Humanity** to join forces to alleviate hunger by providing meals to the underserved
- **21 Connect program donors** registered
- Visited by **1,017 college/school students**

The YR Gaitonde Medical, Educational, and Research Foundation extends its heartfelt appreciation to Amazon for their generous contributions through the Help for Hunger program. These donations have played a pivotal role in enabling our foundation to offer nourishment to underserved communities, and we are deeply thankful for their support.

In its noble pursuit, the Amazon Help for Hunger Program aligns seamlessly with ECO Kitchen's Kathir Dhan project, as both initiatives share the common goal of providing for vulnerable communities, which has always been a core focus of our mission.



CARE HOMES



REHOBOTH

SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

SARADA SAKTHI PEETAM

KIRUBA HOMES

LITTLE DROPS

BENEFICIARIES

1744

487

440

75

25

By offering donations of vegetables, fruits, grains, nuts, baked goods, snacks, and various essential grocery and household hygiene items, we are dedicated to safeguarding the lives and dignity of children, women, the elderly, and differently-abled individuals residing in orphanages, destitute homes, and underprivileged communities in Chennai. The invaluable support extended by Amazon has played a pivotal role in enabling us to bring relief to numerous care homes and beneficiaries over the past months. We deeply appreciate their contributions.



PARTNERSHIPS AND COLLABORATIONS



SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022-2023

Consolidated Balance sheet as of 31.03.2023

LIABILITIES	31.03.2023	31.03.2024	ASSETS	31.03.2023	31.03.2024
GENERAL FUND	778984970	882653467	FIXED ASSETS DESIGNATED PROJECT ASSETS	68230619	56043460
DESIGNATED FUND	136175178		FIXED ASSETS NON DESIGNATED PROJECT ASSETS	358892125	
CAPITAL RESERVE FUND	68230619		INVESTMENT - ENDOWMENT FUND	49825757	
ENDOWMENT FUND	50645203		INVESTMENT - OTHER FUNDS	182126264	
CURRENT LIABILITIES & PROVISIONS	12696243		LOANS AND ADVANCES	306491458	
			OTHERS ADVANCES & DEPOSITS	81165999	
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Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account for the Period 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023

EXPENDITURE	31.03.2023	31.03.2024	INCOME	31.03.2023	31.03.2024
DESIGNATED PROJECT EXPENSES	817101032		DESIGNATED PROJECT GRANTS	817101032	
NON DESIGNATED PROJECT EXPENSES	240924737		NON DESIGNATED PROJECT INCOME	291938556	
DEPRECIATION - NON DESIGNATED PROJECT ASSETS	5691227				
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	45322592				
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Enhancing Community Opportunities

Unit 1: 8/2, Harichandra 3rd Cross Street, Injambakkam, Chennai - 600 115

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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF A PIONEER



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Dr. Solomon has been elected into the Phi Beta Kappa honors society for academic excellence and the Delta Omega Public Health honors society. His research is primarily focused on the epidemiology, clinical management and access to services for HIV and viral hepatitis among vulnerable populations such as people who inject drugs (PWID) and men who have sex with men (MSM), primarily from low and middle-income country settings. He has over 150 peer-reviewed original research publications in several highly ranked journals. He serves as a Deputy Editor of the Journal of the International AIDS Society and an Associate Editor of Drug and Alcohol Dependence.

He is also a member of the technical resource group of the National AIDS Control Organisation, India that advises the National AIDS Program in India for people who inject drugs and antiretroviral therapy. He also serves on the Scientific Agenda Steering Committee (SASC) of the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) and Substance Use Scientific Committee (SUSC) of the HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN), two of the largest NIH-funded global networks that conduct research in the fields of HIV, viral hepatitis, TB and COVID.

In 2015, he was one of the first recipients of the Avenir award, a Director's award from the National Institutes of Health, USA aimed at identifying individuals who propose high impact research and who show promise of being tomorrow's leaders in the field of drug abuse and HIV. In 2016, he received another award from the National Institutes of Health aimed at "Advancing Exceptional Research on HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse".

He also served as the Protocol Chair of ACTG A5360 (MINMON) a ground-breaking global trial on the simplification of HCV treatment delivery and currently serves as the Protocol Chair of HPTN 103 (PURPOSE-4) the first trial of long acting antiretrovirals for PrEP among people who inject drugs. He was also awarded US \$35 million in 2019 from PEPFAR/USAID to provide technical assistance to the National AIDS Program in India, and to implement and evaluate innovative models of service delivery to improve the HIV care cascade in India with a focus on vulnerable populations