

IMPACT REPORT 2020 - 2021



A unit of YR Gaitonde Medical, Educational
and Research Foundation



With an estimated **2.5 million** HIV infections, India is home to the second largest population living with HIV/AIDS.

The prevention, care, and support needs of this pandemic are enormous.



Vision

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



Mission

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

Serving
20,000
people with
HIV in Chennai
since 1993

Presence in
20
locations
across India

Over
100,000
beneficiaries
across India



Research

Continuing from
**over
25 years**

Expanded into
**clinical, laboratory,
epidemiology, and prevention**

Guided by the
IRB
(Institutional Review Board)

YRGCARE, founded in 1993, is a premier HIV/AIDS service organisation offering:

- Adolescent and young adult counselling interventions
- HIV intervention at workplaces and communities
- Voluntary counselling and testing services
- Treatment for sexually transmitted diseases
- Care and support services for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA)
- Prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV
- Training for physicians, laboratory scientists, health educators, counsellors and nurses
- Services for Persons Who Inject Drugs (PWID) and Men having Sex with Men (MSM)
- Training on HIV Testing & Counselling (HTC)
- COVID - 19 response and management



YRGCARE Suniti Solomon Outpatient Clinic

Scope of clinical care now includes screening, treatment of communicable and non-communicable diseases.

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COVID-19 Related

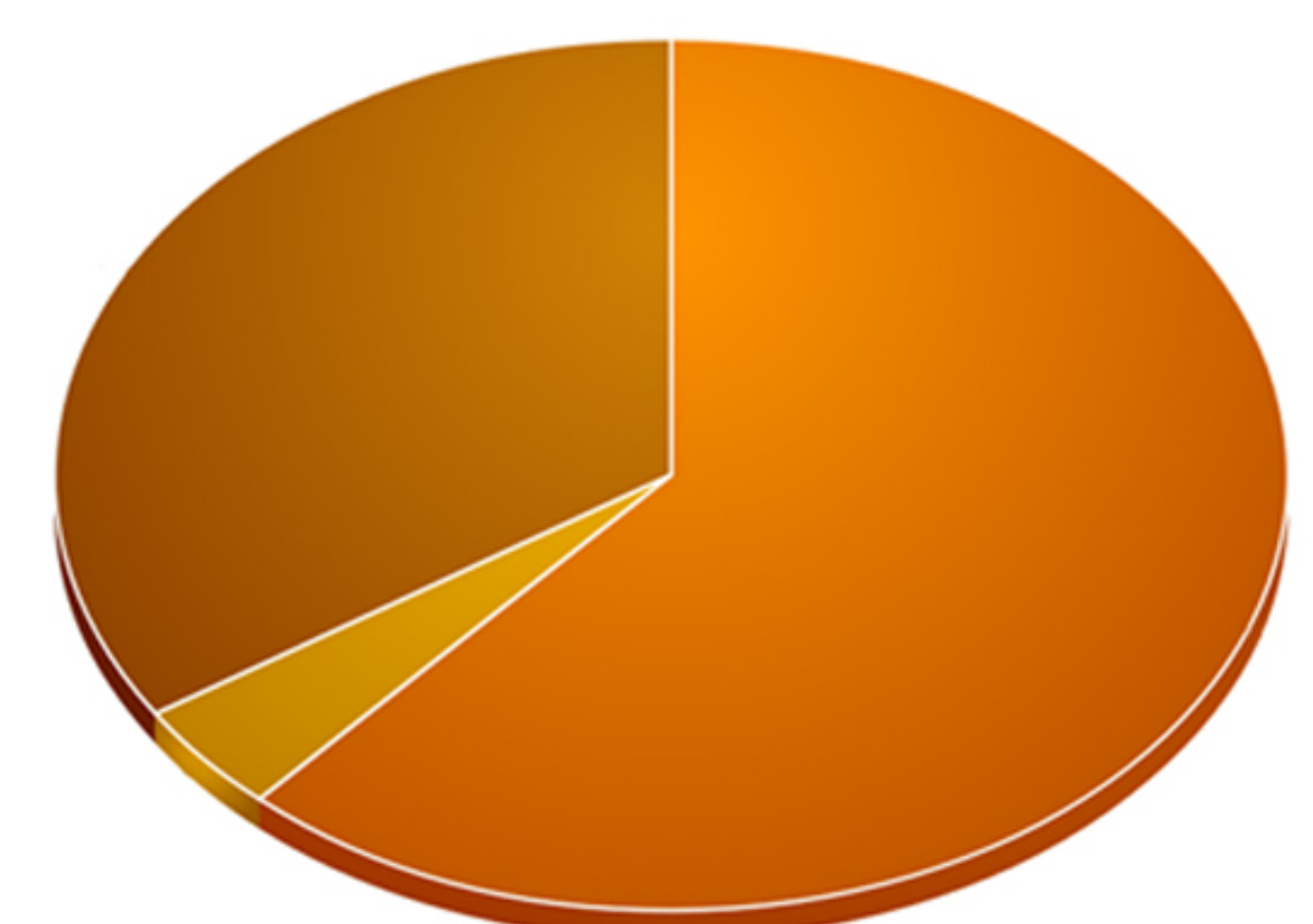
- Testing: Walk-in, home triage, containment zone
- Fever Clinic
- Free RT-PCR for frontline healthcare workers
- Homecare for people with mild COVID-19
- Home oxygen therapy



HIV Related

- ART delivered to clients across 33 districts in India
- In-patient Care in associated hospitals
- Digitally streamlining clinical appointments
- National, International online meetings and conferences with topics ranging from HIV updates, HIV Testing and Counselling, HIV Impact on Kidneys, COVID-19 Management, HIV-COVID-19 Co-infection, PrEP

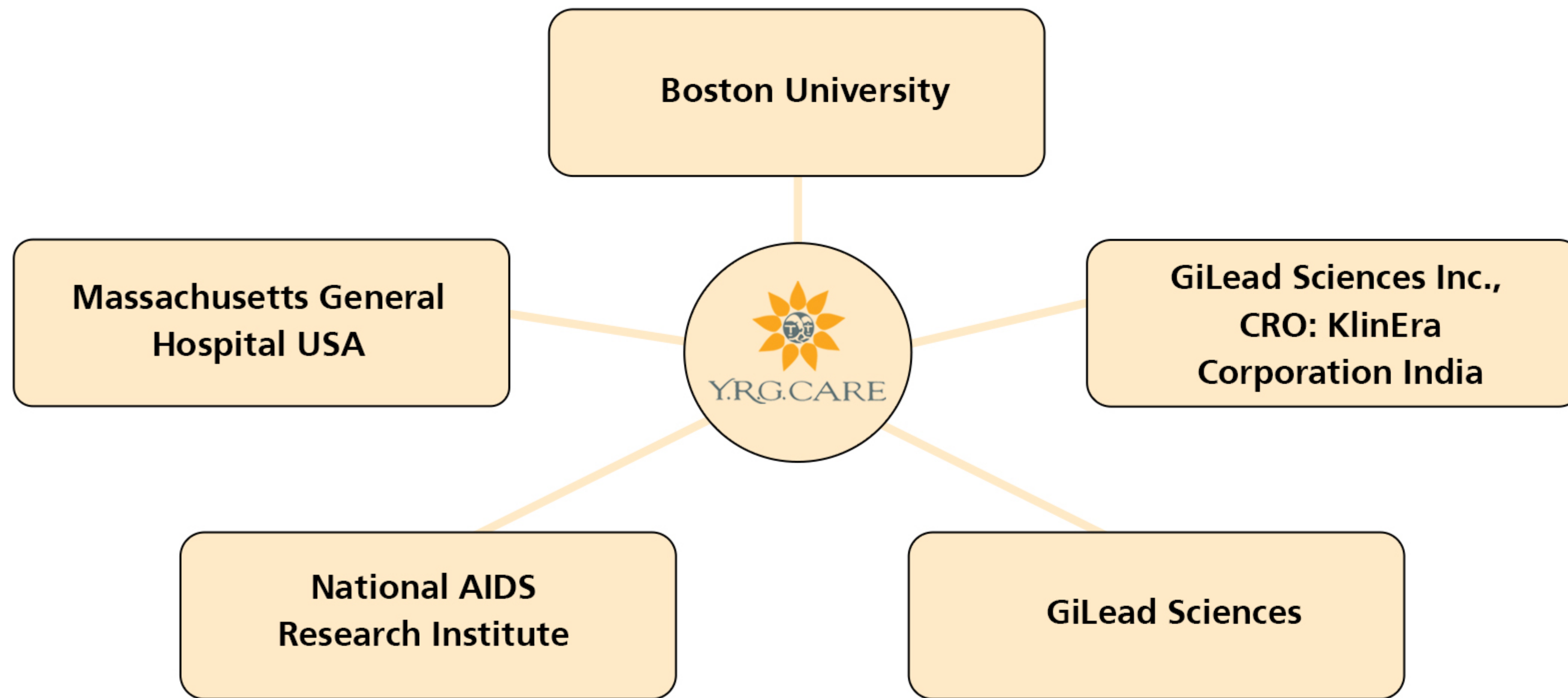
Client Demographics
January 2019 - 2021



- **4500** adults
- **2500** paediatric patients
- **300** new patients

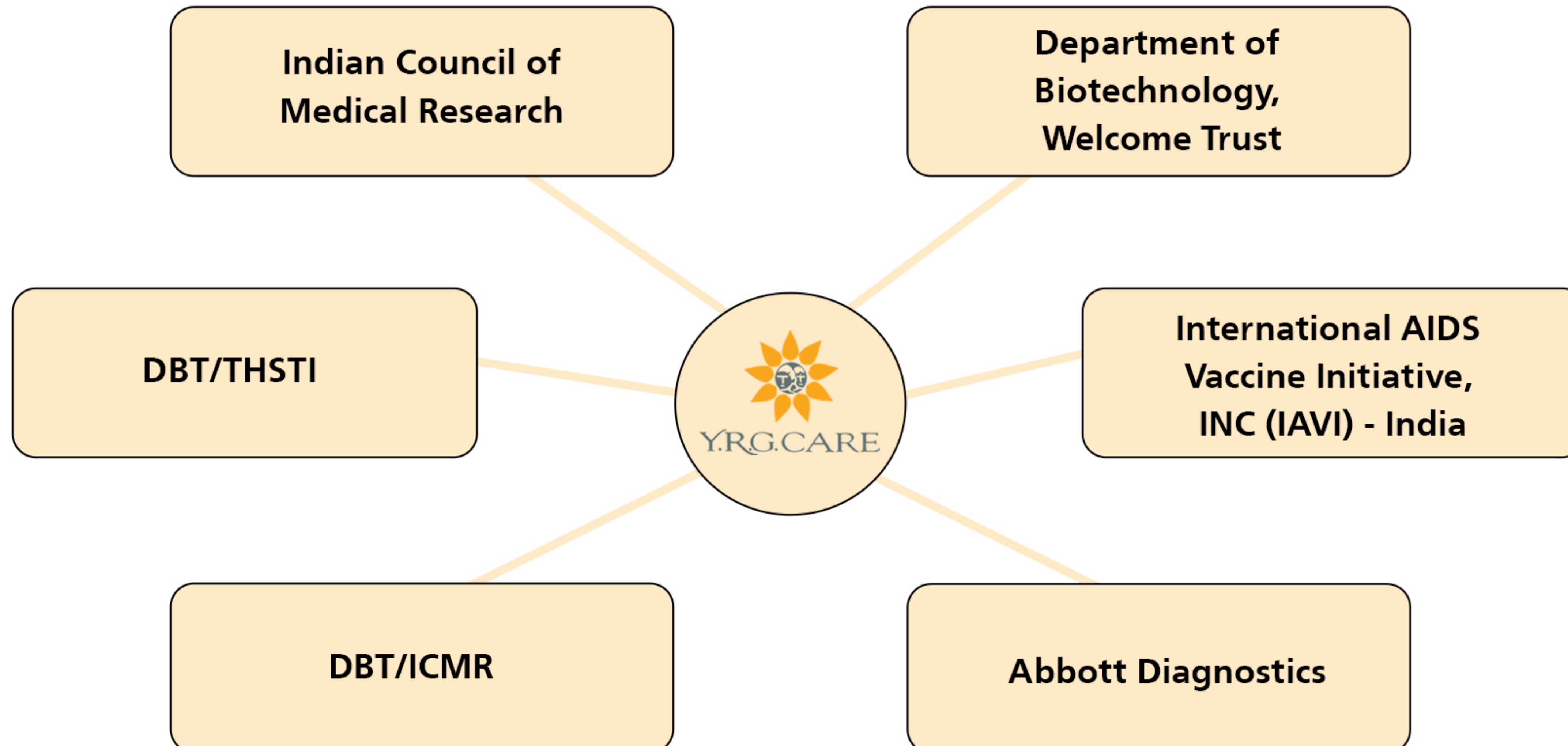
Clinical Research

YRGCARE has new and on-going clinical research projects with



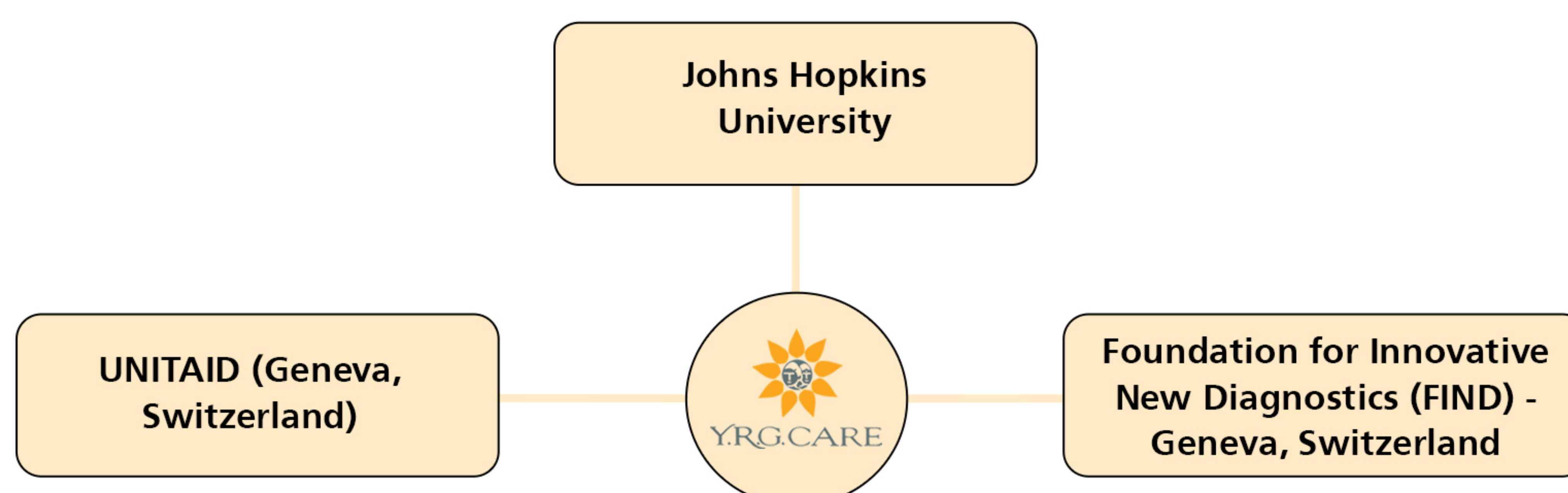
Laboratory Research

YRGCARE has new and on-going laboratory research projects with



Community Based Research

YRGCARE has new and on-going community based research projects with





YRGCARE Infectious Diseases Laboratory

- Recognized by ICMR as a notified COVID-19 Testing Site
- Nearly 28,000 samples tested
- Approximately 15,000 samples of Sars-CoV-2 IgG screened to test the seroprevalence of COVID-19
- Published 11 research articles in International journals between 2020 - 2021



Projects

Camp Rainbow

A psychosocial intervention through the vehicle of camp. In collaboration with SeriousFun Children's Network and other local partners.



Outreach



Day Camp

528

campers



TeleCamp@Home

536

campers



TeleChats

128

campers

YRG121

044-33125000 | 8a.m. - 8p.m. | Sunday - Saturday

Helpline facility for people seeking information, testing services, and counselling on



HIV



TB



Sexuality



COVID - 19



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We also extend psychosocial and mental health support to all our callers.

Languages: English | Hindi | Tamil | Telugu | Kannada

Accelerate India



Provides technical assistance to the national, state, and district level HIV/ AIDS programs in India.



Key Accomplishments in 2020 - 2021

- Drafted PrEP technical guidelines and policy documentation in collaboration with NACO
- Developed comprehensive service package for adolescents
- Supported NACO in developing national strategies on virtual platforms and community monitoring
- Extended support in developing integrated programming for PWID and transgender healthcare
- Set up transgender-friendly clinics in Hyderabad, Thane, and Pune
- Established 5 adolescent-friendly health centres in Manipur, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Maharashtra



13,164 clients offered HIV tests



15,903 clients tested



2,964 people living with HIV were identified



8,000 PPE kits provided across 6 states in response to Covid-19

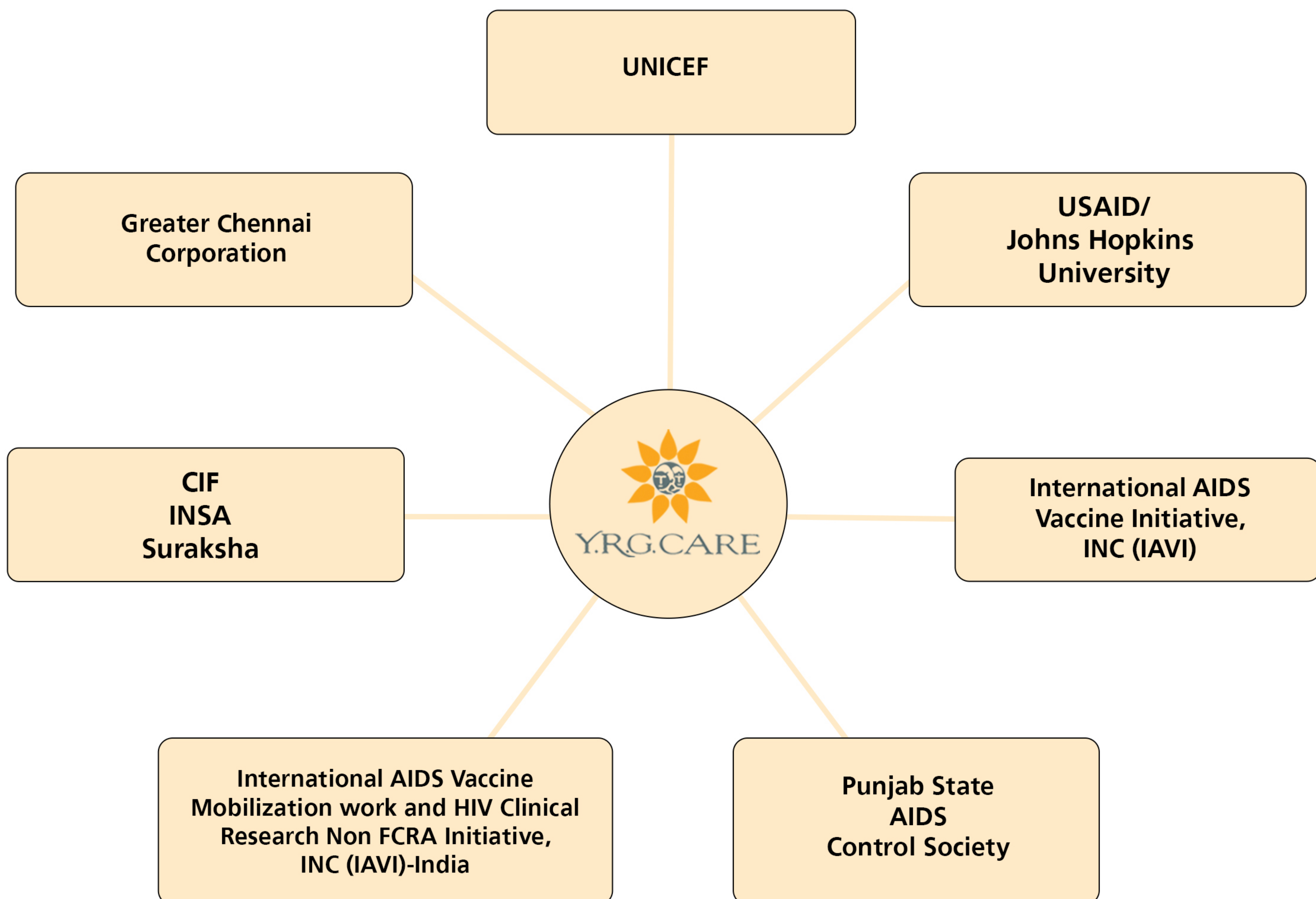


Community Outreach

YRGCARE has about **12 new/on-going/completed projects** working towards community outreach in 2020-2021.

YRGCARE with the Greater Chennai Corporation organised community intervention programs covering **22626 individuals/5626 households** in Teynampet and Raja Annamalai Puram zones during the 2020 - 2021 COVID-19 pandemic period.

YRGCARE has new and on-going community outreach projects with



Partners

<https://yrgcare.org/about-us/partners/>

Dr. Suniti Solomon

Our Founder, Padma Shri Dr. Suniti Solomon in 1986, 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.



Following in the footsteps of a pioneer...

Dr. Sunil Suhas Solomon

Serving as our Managing Trustee, Dr. Sunil is an Associate Professor in Medicine, in the Division of Infectious Diseases, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, USA. He was trained in medicine at the Sri Ramachandra Medical University in Chennai, India and received a Masters in Public Health and a Doctorate in Epidemiology (PhD) from the Johns Hopkins University.



His research focuses on the epidemiology, clinical management and access to HIV and HCV care among vulnerable Indian populations such as people who inject drugs and men who have sex with men. He has published extensively on these topics in highly ranked peer-reviewed journals such as the Lancet ID, Lancet HIV, Clinical Infectious Diseases and AIDS. Dr. Solomon has been elected into the Phi Beta Kappa honors society for academic excellence and the Delta Omega Public Health honors society. In 2015, he was one of the first recipients of the Avenir award, a Director's award (DP2) 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.




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