

**ROTARY INDIA CENTENNIAL SUMMIT CELEBRATIONS – FEBRUARY 2020**  
**CELEBRATING A ROTARIAN DEVELOPED PROGRAMME PILOTED IN INDIA**  
**FOR EMPOWERING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS & COMMUNITIES IN MCH AREA OF FOCUS**

**The challenge**

India is the country with the highest number of preventable maternal deaths (over 800 per day) and new-born deaths (12000 per day) .Majority are preventable .

**The Solution - pilot programme which empowers**

**A validated Programme of Structured Training** -One reason to celebrate Rotary's achievement in India ,can be our vocational structured training team programmes for preventable maternal and new-born mortality reduction initiative **CALMED** (piloted in Sikkim and Gujarat 2013-18 and now preparing to go in Meghalaya State ) ,with validated successful outcomes. This is a partnership model, in alignment with Rotary's Vision Statement .This had received two prestigious awards (please visit <https://www.calmedrotary.org/papers-resources/>)

The structured training programme aims to empower through enhancement of knowledge , improvement of skills and encouragement of appropriate behavioural changes.

**Celebrating a Rotary Programme**

It is so special ,because it is a Rotarian led programme, developed ,implemented and supported by Rotarians – now preparing to bridge gaps in care of the Mother and Child through structured training, in Meghalaya , resourced and delivered by Rotarians and associates.

**Strategy based on collaboration**

Acceleration of India's progress in SDG 3 can be enhanced through Rotary collaboration with Government initiatives and local level action/monitoring.

**Packaged Resources for wider implementation**

We have the combined strength of collaborating partnerships, the know-how, training materials, a team of volunteer experienced trainers ( Rotary Vocational Training Team -VTT) and access to funding for scaling up of programmes and repeating successes of the previous pilot programmes in India.

**Way forward - Teamwork through Rotarian Partnership with Government and NEIGRIHMS in Meghalaya**

1. **Partnership Team** -Rotarians grouped as Maternity Alliance for Structured Training (M.A.S.T.) Saving Mothers and Babies([www.calmedrotary.org](http://www.calmedrotary.org)) are seeking opportunities for strategic engagement with Government (State Government) and WHO ( **Quality of Care QoC Network and Joint Working Team JTT** ) , for acceleration of progress towards elimination of preventable maternal and new born mortality , in support of existing Government initiatives at local community levels.
2. **Joint Technical Team** -composed of Rotarians (Clubs, Districts, RAGs, Fellowships), Rotaractors, Professionals, Digital Technology experts ,other stake holders **joined up in a common platform to create a bespoke programme for the Meghalaya State ,based on CALMED structured training template and best suited to the needs and priorities of the State.**
3. **Implementation Team – State wise implementation of bespoke CALMED** modules to fit in with Government action with priorities for SDG 3 ,Universal Health Coverage and local monitoring of standards of care (QoC). Structure Training is aimed at empowerment and co-funded by Rotary.

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