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) 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 newborn 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 stakeholders 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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